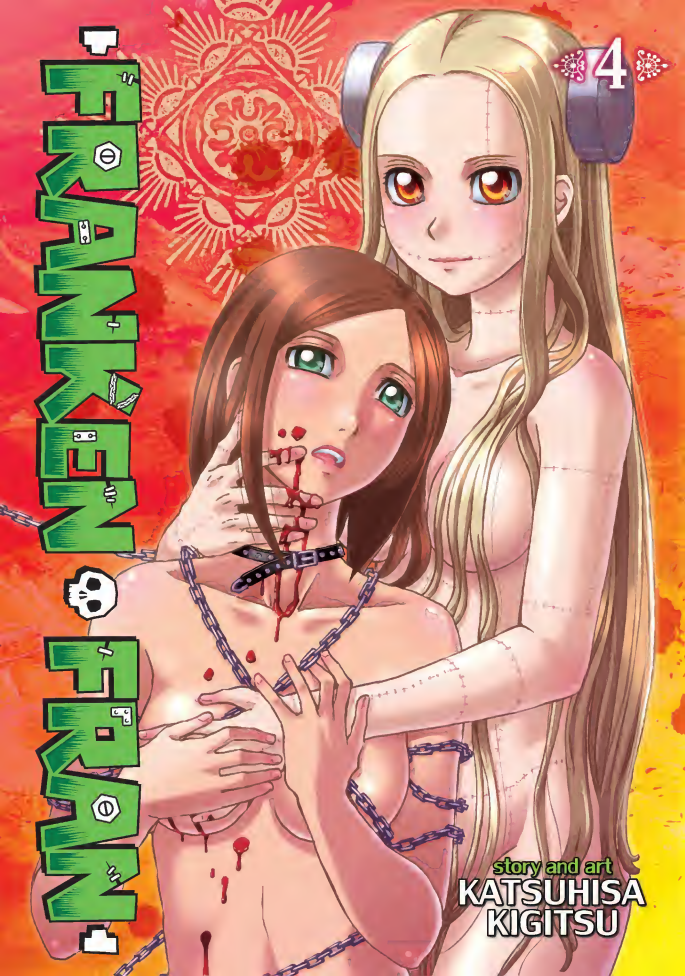


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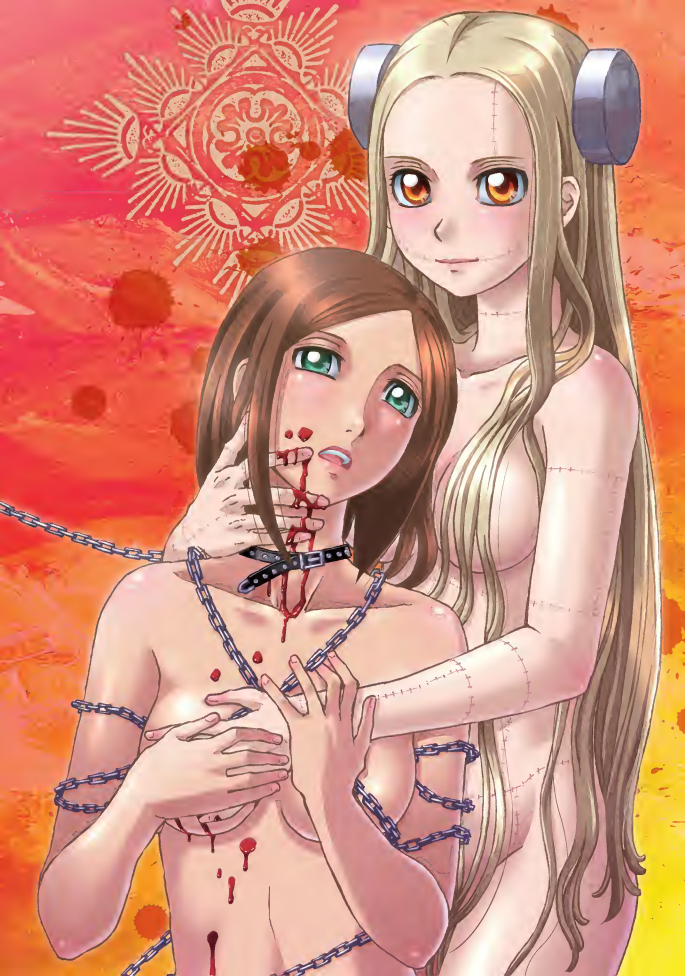


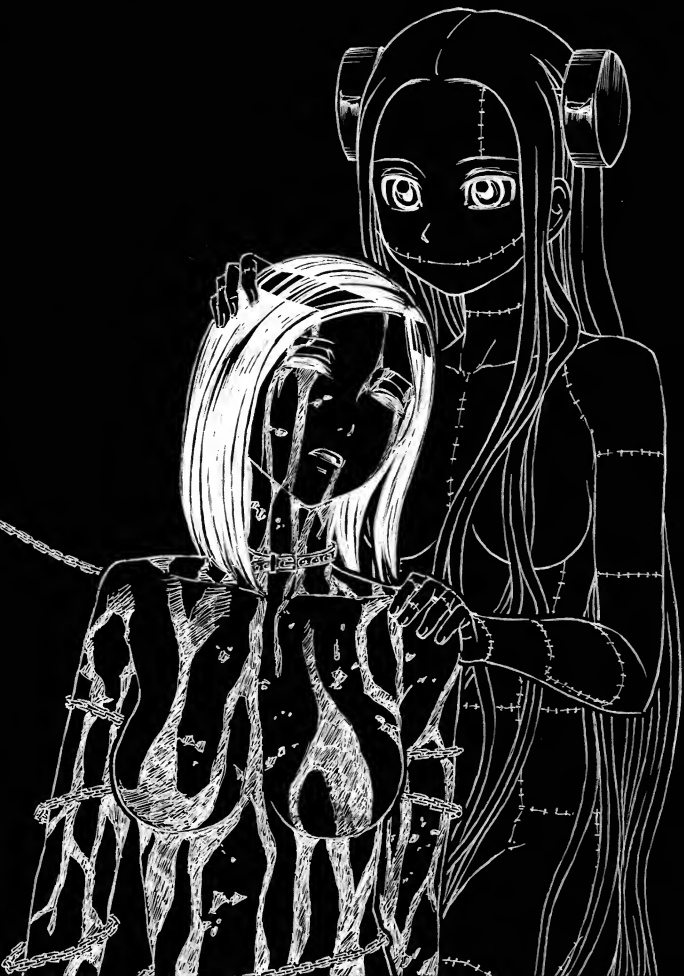
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story and art
**KATSUHISA
KIGITSU**



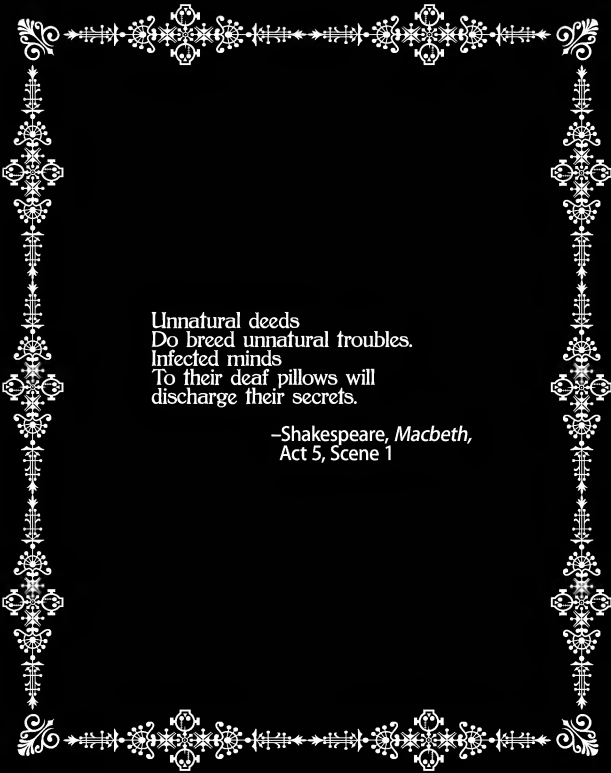


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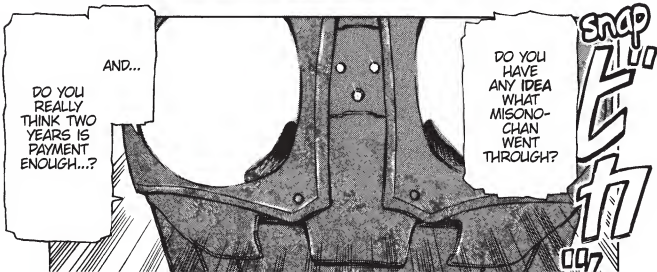
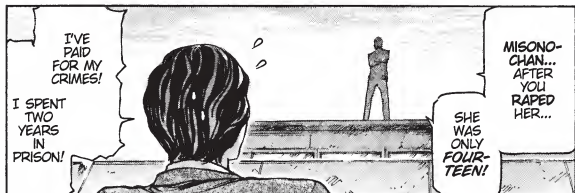
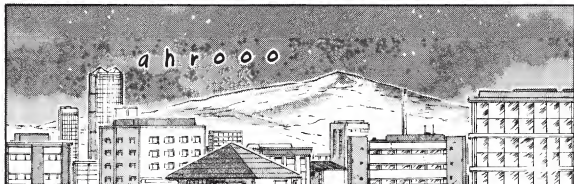
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Katsuhisa Kigitsu



Unnatural deeds
Do breed unnatural troubles.
Infected minds
To their deaf pillows will
discharge their secrets.

—Shakespeare, *Macbeth*,
Act 5, Scene 1



KIIICK!!

KA-

!!

**TAKE
THIS
!!**

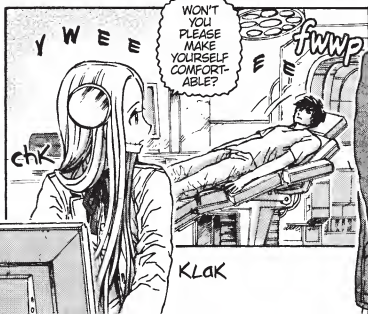
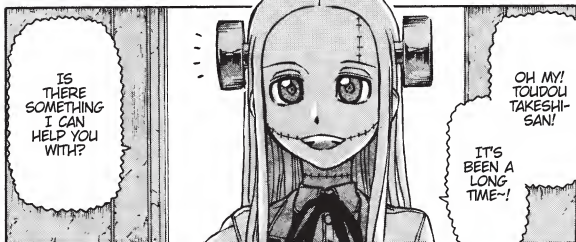
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TIN-
EL...**

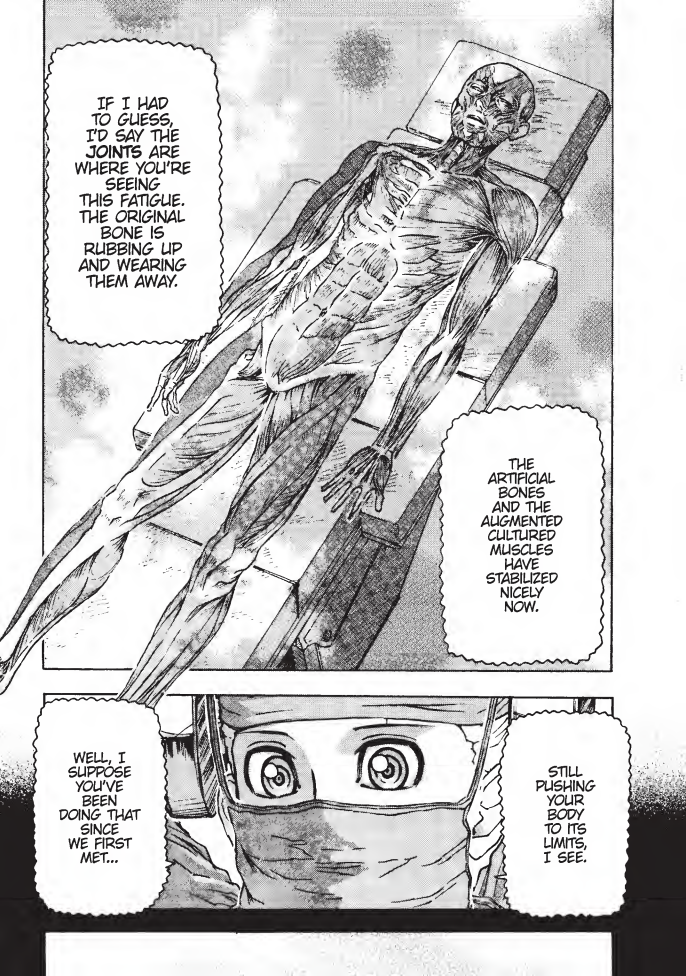
?!

**Ep.23 /
JUSTICE**

WHAMM







IF I HAD
TO GUESS,
I'D SAY THE
JOINTS ARE
WHERE YOU'RE
SEEING
THIS FATIGUE.
THE ORIGINAL
BONE IS
RUBBING UP
AND WEARING
THEM AWAY.

THE
ARTIFICIAL
BONES
AND THE
AUGMENTED
CULTURED
MUSCLES
HAVE
STABILIZED
NICELY
NOW.

WELL, I
SUPPOSE
YOU'VE
BEEN
DOING THAT
SINCE
WE FIRST
MET...

STILL
PUSHING
YOUR
BODY
TO ITS
LIMITS,
I SEE.

I TRY
TO STOP
HIM FROM
PUSHING
TOO HARD,
BUT
HE'S A
FIGHTER.

TAKESHI-
CHAN'S
A TRACK-
AND-
FIELD
ATHLETE.

AND YOUR
BONES ARE
PRACTICALLY
HOLLOW.
YOUR BODY'S
ALWAYS HAD
A HARD TIME
ABSORBING
CALCIUM,
I SEE.

THE
CARTILAGE
IS WEARING
AWAY TO
THE POINT
WHERE IT'S
NOT FUNC-
TIONING,
HMM?

SEVERAL
YEARS
EARLI-
ER...



SUCH
A
WASTE
!!

BUT
HE'S
STILL
SO
YOUNG!

YOU
READ
WHAT
YOU SOW,
AFTER
ALL.

SKRTCH
SKRTCH

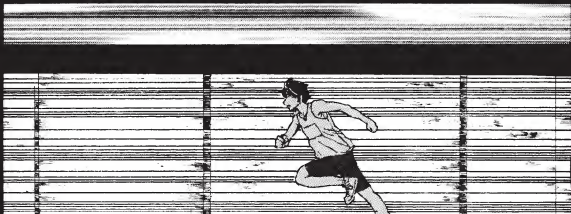
WELL, IF
HE KNEW
THAT AND
JUST KEPT
PUSHING,
MAYBE
THAT
SHOULD
BE THE
END OF
THE
STORY...

WELL,
AS LONG
AS THEY'RE
PAYING,
I SUPPOSE
IT'S FINE BY
MEEEEE.

KACHAK

REPLACING
THE
NATURALLY
WEAK PARTS
SO YOU
CAN KEEP
PLAYING
SPORTS...





THIS IS PRETTY UNUSUAL, FOLKS! THERE'S DEFINITELY SOME FUNNY BUSINESS HERE!!

THE TOP FIVE RUNNERS HAVE ALL SET NEW WORLD RECORDS!

WOO! YEAH!

IT'S A NEW WORLD RECORD!



REPLACE
THE BONES
WITH STRONG,
LIGHT-WEIGHT
CARBON AND
REINFORCED
SPRINGS FOR
GREATER
STRENGTH.

RE-
BUILDING
THE
HUMAN
BODY.

IT'S
WORSE
THAN
DOPING.

PRO-
FESSIONAL
SPORTS
IS NOT A
GODDAMN
SCIENCE
FAIR!!

YOU
EXPECT
ME TO
JUST
SWALLOW
THAT
CRAP?!

THIS IS A
LEGITIMATE
PART OF THE
TREATMENT,
WITH NO INTENT
OF GIVING
AN UNFAIR
ADVANTAGE.

ACCORD-
ING TO
THEIR
ASSER-
TIONS...



IT'S
ACTUALLY
A MEDICAL
NECESSITY
FOR ME...
BUT
THEY
JUST
LUMP ME
IN WITH
ALL THE
CHEAT-
ERS.

I CAN'T
EVEN BELIEVE
SO MANY
RUNNERS
ARE DOING
BODY
REMODELING!



DAMMIT!



YOU
CHEAT-
ING
SCUM...

GO
TO
HELL!

Heh
heh
heh!

HEY!
TURN
INTO
A CAR
FOR
US!

OH!
IT'S ONE
OF THEM
TRACK-
AND-FIELD
CYBORGS.

CRACK

YOU
WON'T
GET OFF
SO EASY
NEXT
TIME.

I NEVER
WANNA
SEE YOUR
FACE ON
A TRACK
AGAIN.

PTT.



STOMP

I THINK
THEY'RE
STRONG
ENOUGH
NOW TO
LET YOU
PLAY YOUR
SPORTS...

WHAT
?

YOU
WANT THE
SUBSTITUTE
PARTS
TO BE EVEN
STRON-
GEEEEER?



ALL
RIGHT, I'M
STARTING
THE ANES-
THETIC.



WELL,
LET ME
CALCU-
LATE THE
COST...



I NEED
TO BE
EVEN
STRON-
GER!

PLEASE
!!



WHAT'D
WE
DO?!

WHAT
ARE
YOU?!

WHAT
THE
HELL,
MAN?!

DAMMIT
...!



SCREW
YOU! WE'RE
GONNA
CALL THE
POLICE!
YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS!

I...

I'M AN
ALLY OF
JUS-
TICE...

HAVING
LOST MY
REASON
TO LIVE,
I NEEDED
SOMETHING
TO MAKE ME
BURN WITH
PASSION.

BLT.

THE
FIRST
TIME,
IT WAS
SPUR
OF THE
MOMENT.

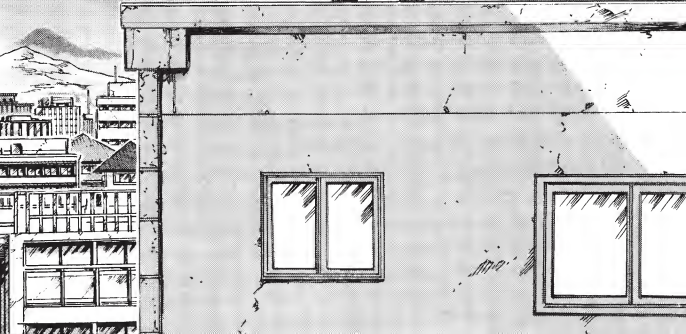
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**THE
SENTI-
NEL!!**



**I'M THE
FACE OF
JUSTICE
IN THIS
TOWN!**

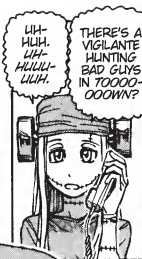




.....
MAYBE HE'S A PRO WRESTLER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

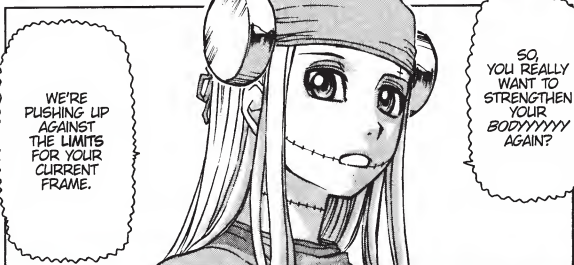
ABNORMAL PHYSICAL STRENGTH, YOU SAY?

NOO-0000. NO IDEA.



LII-HIIH. LII-HIIH. LIIH.

THERE'S A VIGILANTE HUNTING BAD GUYS IN 7000-000WN?



WE'RE PUSHING UP AGAINST THE LIMITS FOR YOUR CURRENT FRAME.

SO, YOU REALLY WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR BODYYYYYY AGAIN?



.....

IF WE GO ANY FURTHER, THERE'LL BE VISIBLE EFFECTS...



I'M
STRONG
ENOUGH!

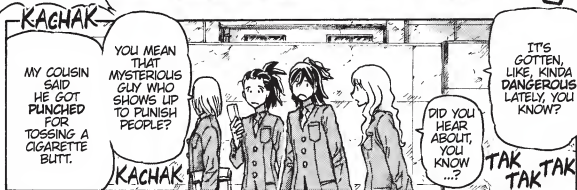
I CAN
STILL
PROTECT
JUSTICE
THE WAY
I AM
NOW!!



I DON'T
WANT TO
CHANGE
THE
WAY I
LOOK...

I MEAN,
I FINALLY
LOOK
COOL.

YRRRR
!!



MY COUSIN
SAID
HE GOT
PUNCHED
FOR
TOSSEING A
CIGARETTE
BUTT.

YOU MEAN
THAT
MYSTERIOUS
GUY WHO
SHOWS UP
TO PUNISH
PEOPLE?

KACHAK

DID YOU
HEAR
ABOUT,
YOU
KNOW
...?

IT'S
GOTTEN,
LIKE, KINDA
DANGEROUS
LATELY, YOU
KNOW?

TAK
TAK

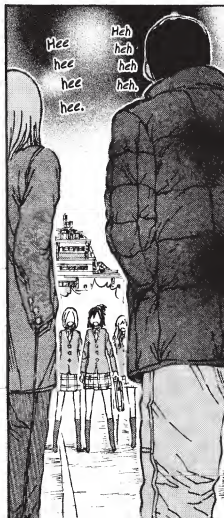


EEEEAAAAAHH!



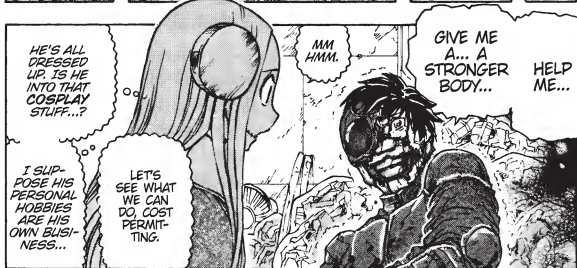
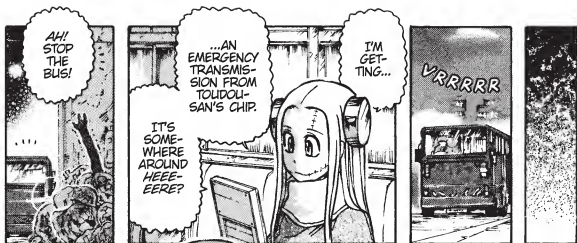
HEP!

HEP!



Hee
hee
hee
hee.

Heh
heh
heh
heh.



CALL
THE
MICRO-
SURGERY
STAFF!

BRING
AN AMC
HEART,
SIZE
LARGE!

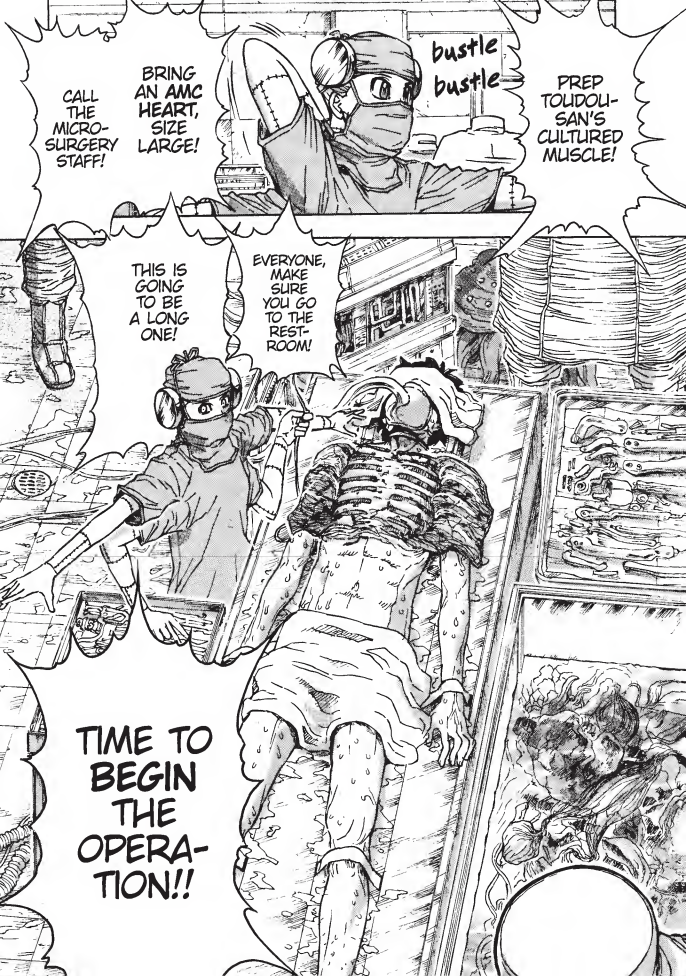
bustle
bustle

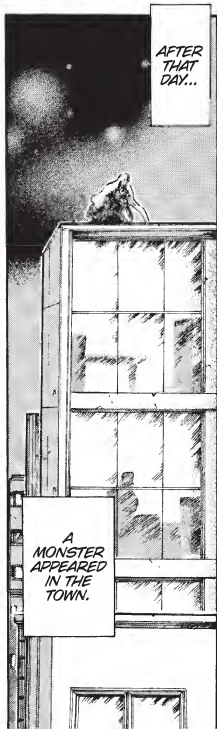
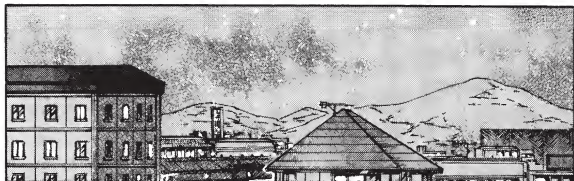
PREP
TOLDOLI-
SAN'S
CULTURED
MUSCLE!

THIS IS
GOING
TO BE
A LONG
ONE!

EVERYONE,
MAKE
SURE
YOU GO
TO THE
REST-
ROOM!

TIME TO
BEGIN
THE
OPERA-
TION!!

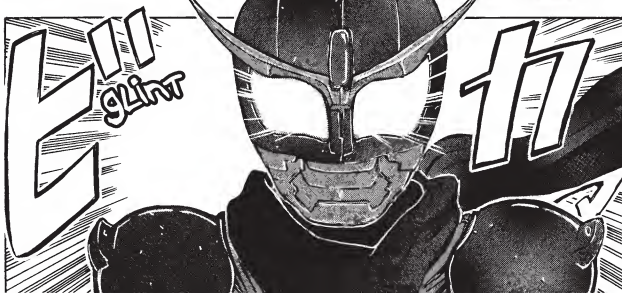
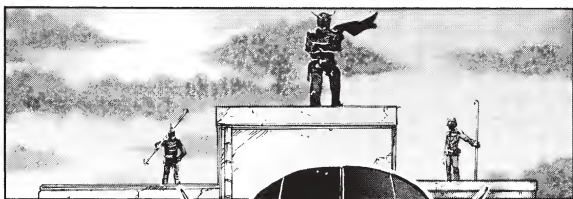






HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE,
YOU
MON-
STER!!

KRZZH



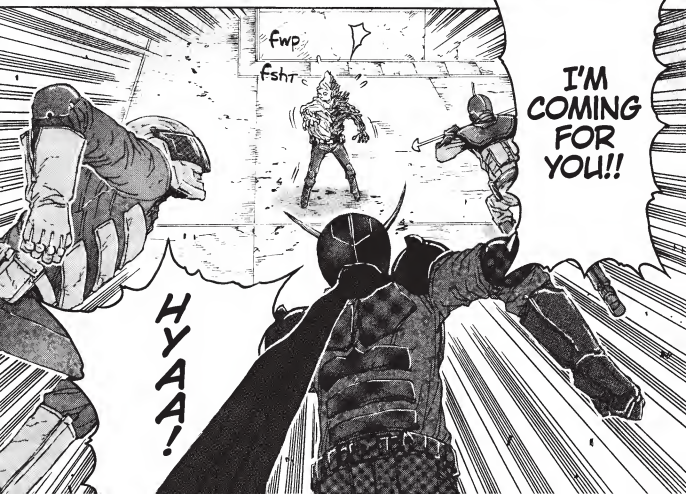
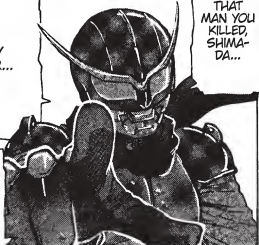
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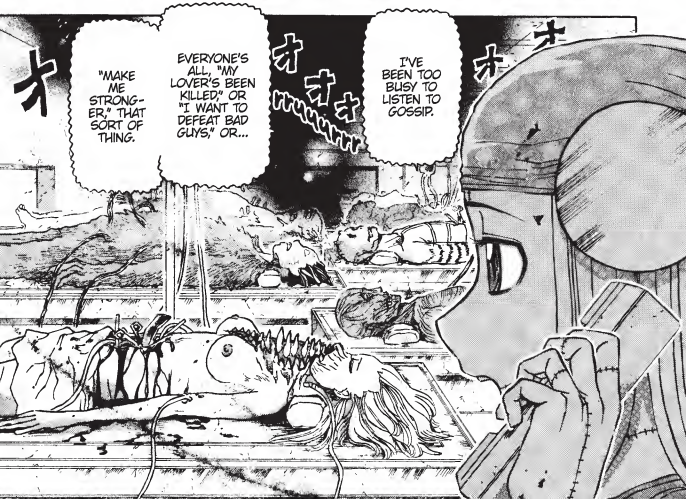
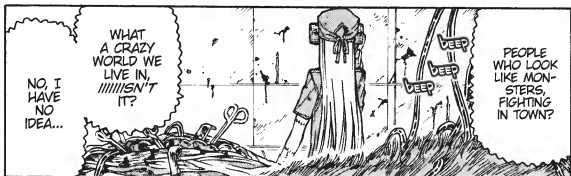
to

HE
WAS MY
BROTHER...

THAT
MAN YOU
KILLED,
SHIMA-
DA...

HE MAY HAVE
BEEN JUST
ANOTHER
CRIMINAL TO
YOU, BUT HE
WAS MY
BELOVED BIG
BROTHER!







FINISHING
MOVE
OF
DESTINY!!



HOW
DID IT
COME
TO THIS
...?

"JUS-
TICE."
JUS-
TICE
...?



TASTE
THE
IRON
HAMMER
OF JUS-
TICE!

FOUND
YOU,
SENTI-
NEL!



I
HAVE
TO...

I
HAVE
TO GET
TO THE
LAB...

I
HAVE
TO GET
STRON-
GER...

...BUT EVEN
VOMITING
BLOOD WHILE
RUNNING A
MARATHON
IS FUN FOR
THE PERSON
DOING IT,
I GUESS.

IT SEEMS
LIKE THINGS
ARE ROUGH
FOR BOTH
GOOD
AND EVIL
ALIKE...



I WANT
TO GIVE
MYSELF AN
OVERHAUL,
BUT IT'S
SUCH A
HASSLE...

I'M NOT
EVEN GETTING
PAID, BUT MY
EQUIPMENT'S
GETTING A
WORKOUT.

sluuuump



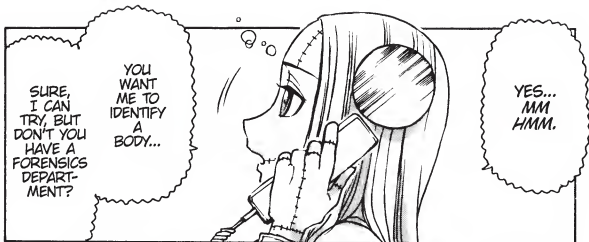
MM, I
REALLY
AM.

WHAT?
I
SOUND
TIRED?

THAT
WOULD MAKE
THINGS SO
MUCH EASIER
FOR ME IN
SO MANY
WAAAAAAAYS.

ISN'T THERE
AN EVIL
EMPEROR
SOMEWHERE
WHO'LL
OFFER ME
UNLIMITED
R&D
MONEY?

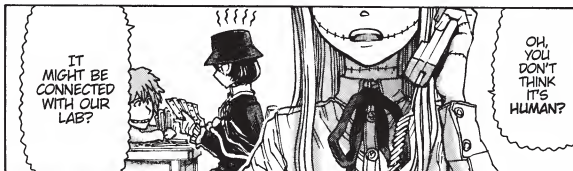




SURE,
I CAN
TRY, BUT
DON'T YOU
HAVE A
FORENSICS
DEPART-
MENT?

YOU
WANT
ME TO
IDENTIFY
A
BODY...

YES...
MM
HMM.



IT
MIGHT BE
CONNECTED
WITH OUR
LAB?

OH,
YOU DON'T
THINK
IT'S
HUMAN?



I'LL
SEND
YOU THE
RE-
SULTS...

PLEASE,
NO COM-
PLAINTS,
WHAT-
EVER
HAPPENS.

WELL,
ANYWAY,
I'D BE
HAPPY
TO.

LIM,
NO?

HEY, HAS
ANYONE
AROUND
HERE
GONE
MISSING?

WE'RE
ALL
FINE.

kreek



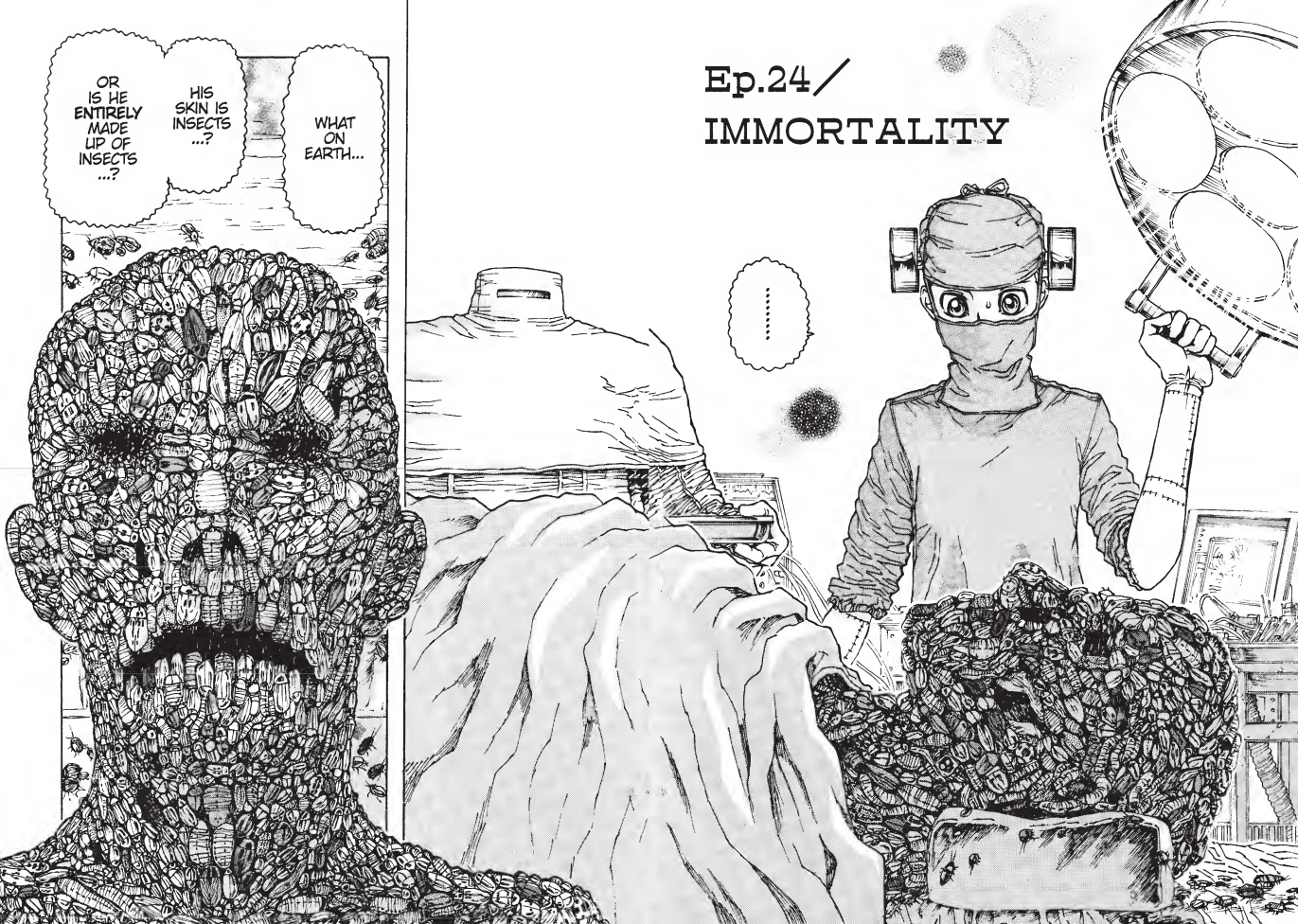
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IMMORTALITY

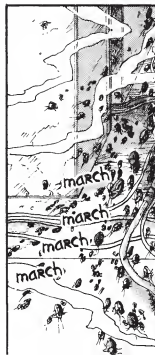
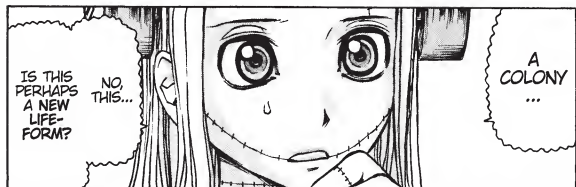
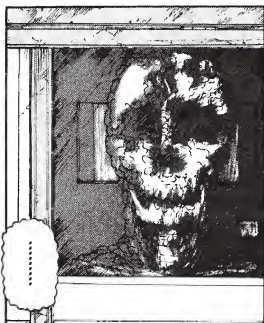
OR
IS HE
ENTIRELY
MADE
UP OF
INSECTS
...?

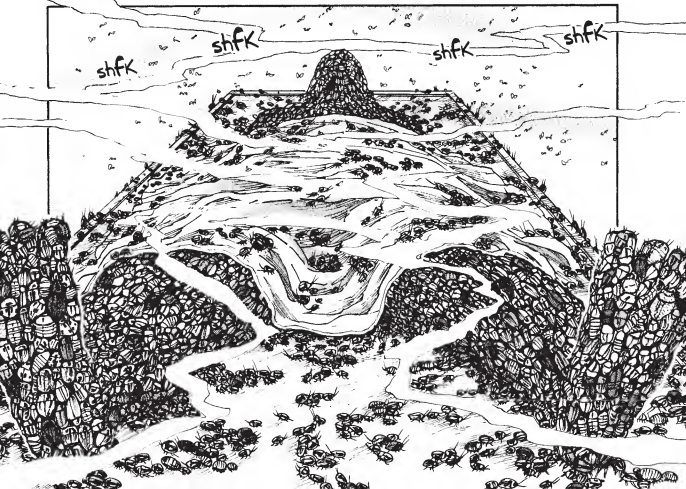
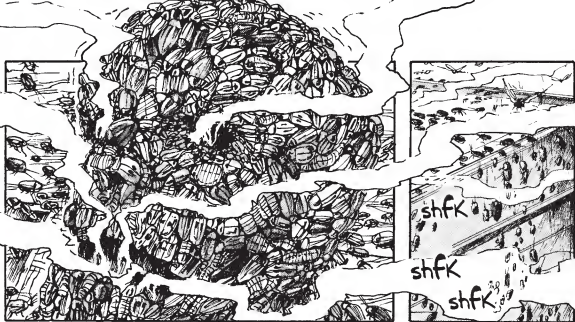
HIS
SKIN IS
INSECTS
...?

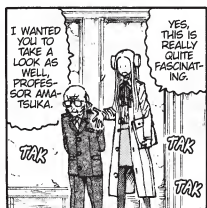
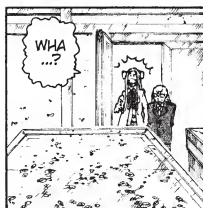
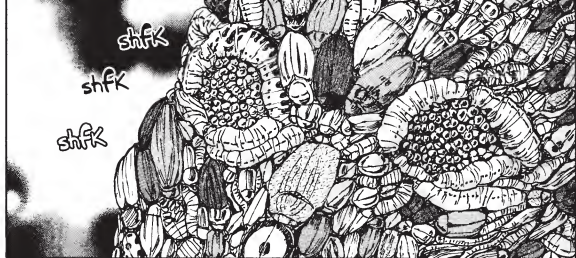
WHAT
ON
EARTH...

.....





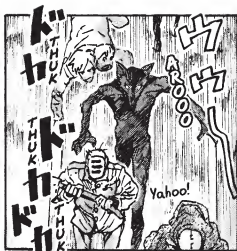




WE
HAVE
AN ES-
CAPED
PATIENT
!!

ANYONE
NOT CUR-
RENTLY
OTHERWISE
ENGAGED,
SEARCH
THE
GROUNDS!!

EMER-
GENCY
ALERT!!





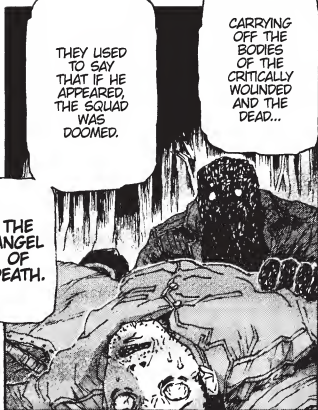
THEY USED
TO SAY
THAT IF HE
APPEARED,
THE SQUAD
WAS
DOOMED.

CARRYING
OFF THE
BODIES
OF THE
CRITICALLY
WOUNDED
AND THE
DEAD...

APPEARING
IN THE HEAT
OF BATTLE,
NEITHER
ENEMY
NOR ALLY...

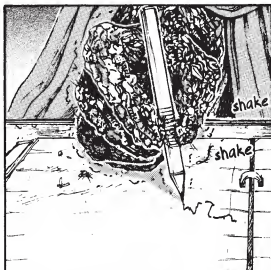
I HEARD
ANY
NUMBER OF
STORIES
ABOUT YOU
DURING
THE WAR...

THE
ANGEL
OF DEATH.



IF HE'S
HERE
NOW,
THAT
MEANS...

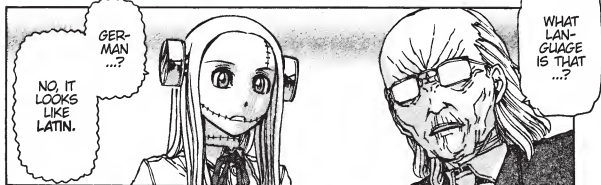
HE DOESN'T
APPEAR
DURING
PEACETIME,
ONLY
TIMES OF
TURMOIL.

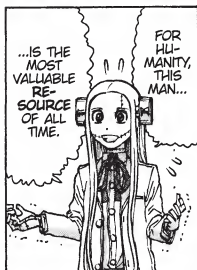


OKAA-
AAAY.

SOME-
THING
TO
WRITE
WITH.







...IS THE
MOST
VALUABLE
RE-
SOURCE
OF ALL
TIME.

FOR
HU-
MANITY,
THIS
MAN...

<There is no longer anything
left of my body but bone.
Even so, the insects come
together and make me live.>

<I just want to sleep.>



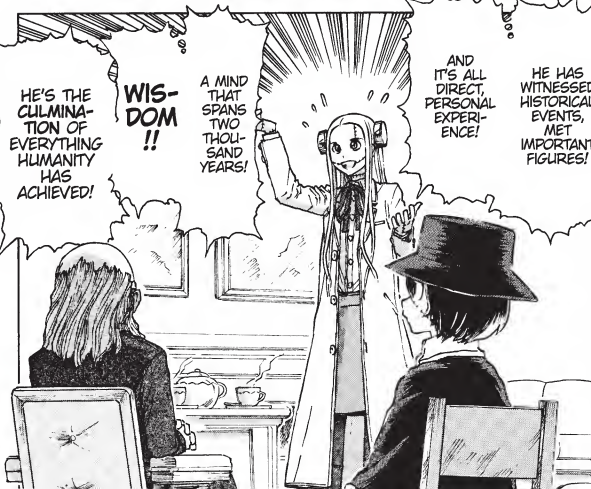
HE'S THE
CULMINA-
TION OF
EVERYTHING
HUMANITY
HAS
ACHIEVED!

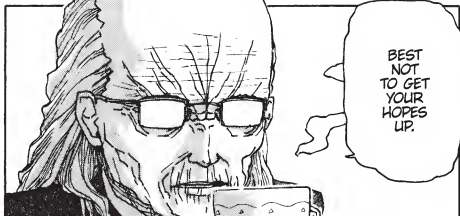
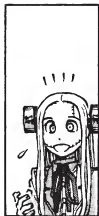
**WIS-
DOM
!!**

A MIND
THAT
SPANS
TWO
THOU-
SAND
YEARS!

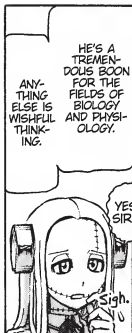
AND
IT'S ALL
DIRECT,
PERSONAL
EXPERI-
ENCE!

HE HAS
WITNESSED
HISTORICAL
EVENTS,
MET
IMPORTANT
FIGURES!



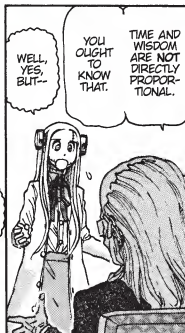


BEST
NOT
TO GET
YOUR
HOPES
UP.



HE'S A TREMENDOUS BOON FOR THE FIELDS OF BIOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY.
ANYTHING ELSE IS WISHFUL THINKING.

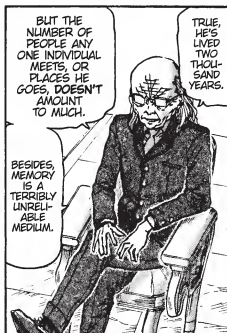
YES, SIR...



WELL, YES, BUT--

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT.

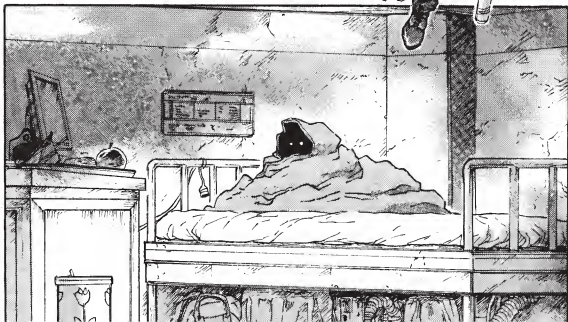
TIME AND WISDOM ARE NOT DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL.

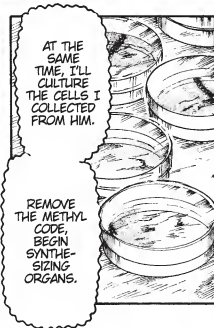
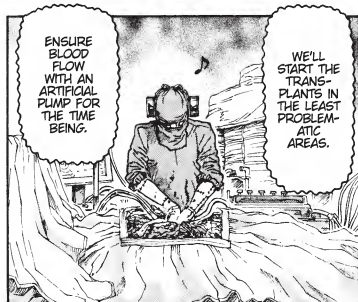
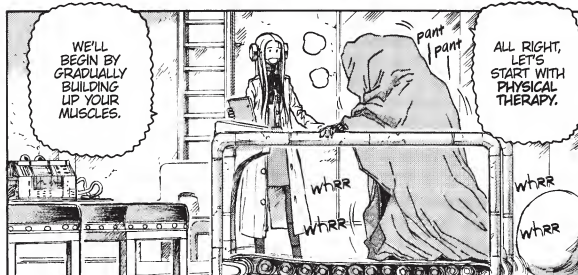
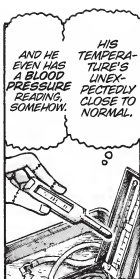
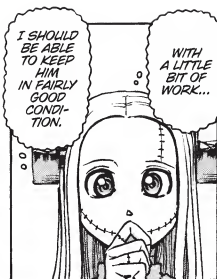


BUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL MEETS, OR PLACES HE GOES, DOESN'T AMOUNT TO MUCH.

TRUE, HE'S LIVED TWO THOUSAND YEARS.

BESIDES, MEMORY IS A TERRIBLY UNRELIABLE MEDIUM.





WE'LL USE
CULTURED SKIN
TO COVER
THE BODY,
WHICH WILL
ESTABLISH A
PRESERVATION
ENVIRONMENT.

AND HE'S
IMMORTAL,
SO EVEN
IF I MAKE
A MISTAKE,
NO HARM'S
DONE.

Hee
hee...

Hee
hee
hee
hee...

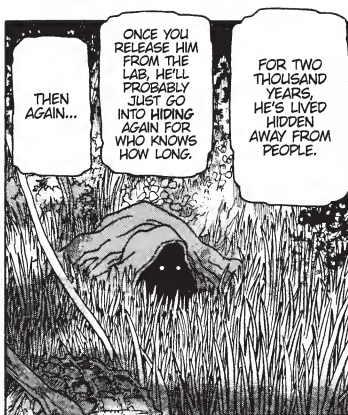
OOH,
THIS
IS
FUN...

I WONDER
IF THAT'S
WHAT HE
ACTUALLY
WANTS.

JUST A
BIT MORE
AND HE'LL
HAVE A
PROPER
BODY
AGAIN.

THAT
MAKES
SIXTY-FOUR
PERCENT
OF HIS
BODY THAT
WE'VE RE-
PLACED.

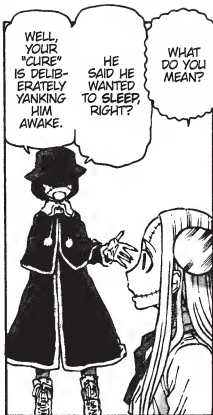
beep
beep



THEN
AGAIN...

ONCE YOU
RELEASE HIM
FROM THE
LAB, HE'LL
PROBABLY
JUST GO
INTO HIDING
AGAIN FOR
WHO KNOWS
HOW LONG.

FOR TWO
THOUSAND
YEARS,
HE'S LIVED
HIDDEN
AWAY FROM
PEOPLE.



WELL,
YOUR
"CURE"
IS DELIB-
ERATELY
YANKING
HIM
AWAKE.

HE
SAID HE
WANTED TO
SLEEP,
RIGHT?

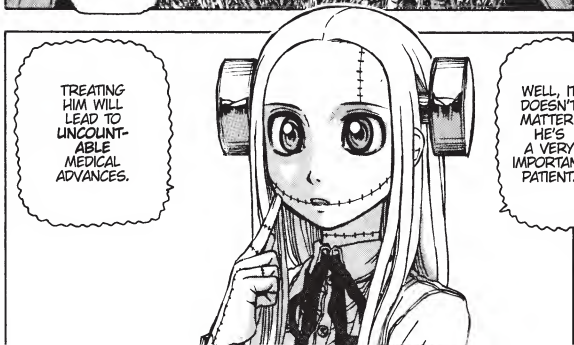
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



FRAN.

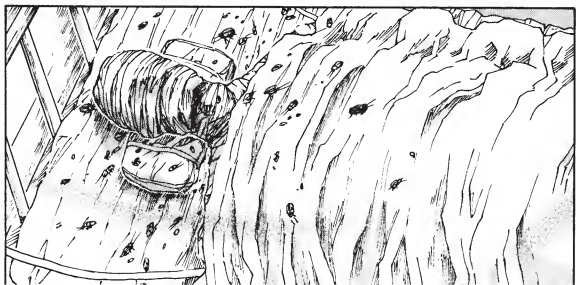
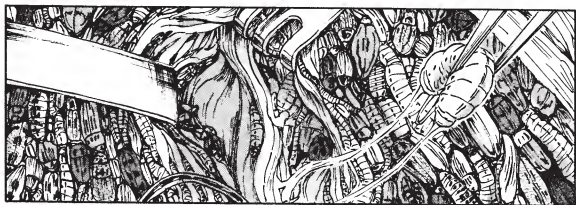
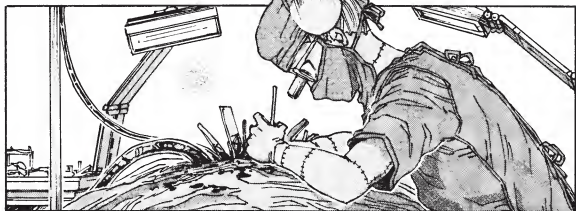
MAYBE
HE
CAN,
TOO...

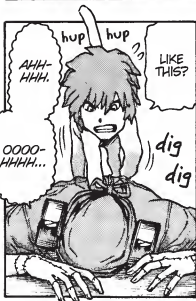
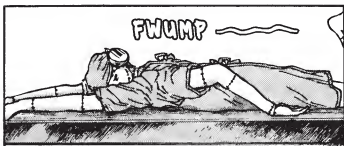
MANY
CREATURES
LIVE THEIR
LIVES IN
DARKNESS.

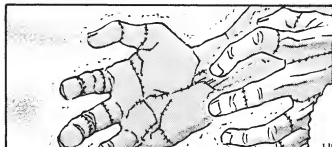
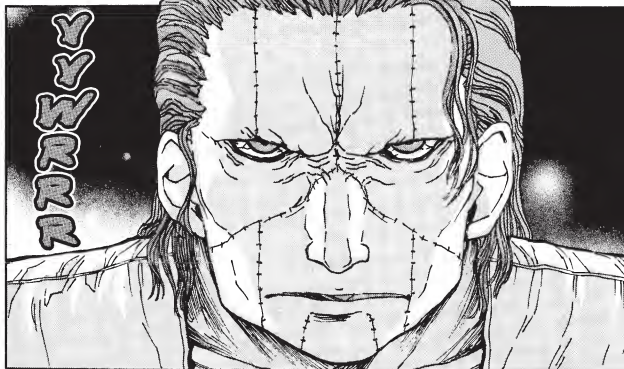


TREATING
HIM WILL
LEAD TO
UNCOUNT-
ABLE
MEDICAL
ADVANCES.

WELL, IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.
HE'S
A VERY
IMPORTANT
PATIENT.





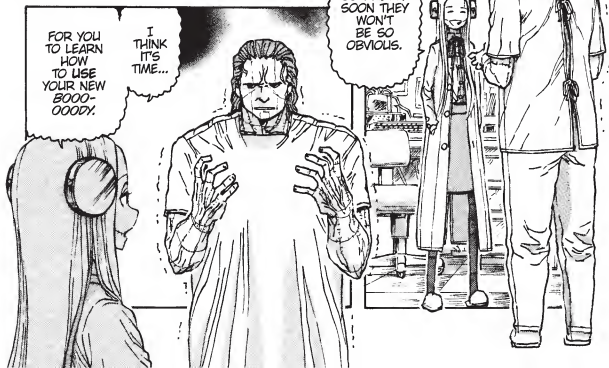


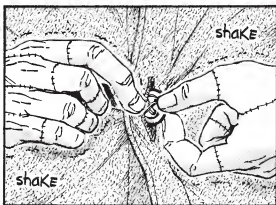
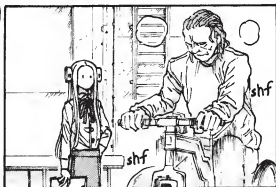
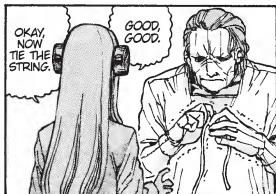
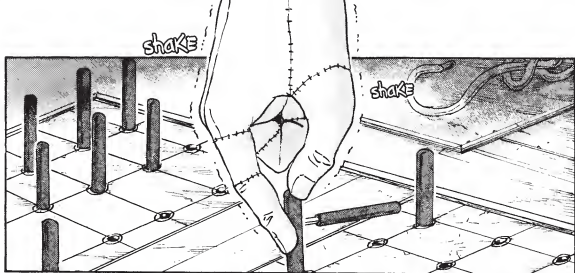
WELL,
YOU'RE
DOING
QUITE
NICELY
NOW,
AREN'T
YOU?

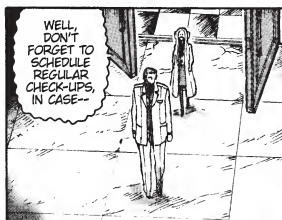
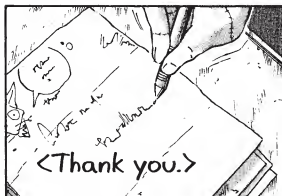
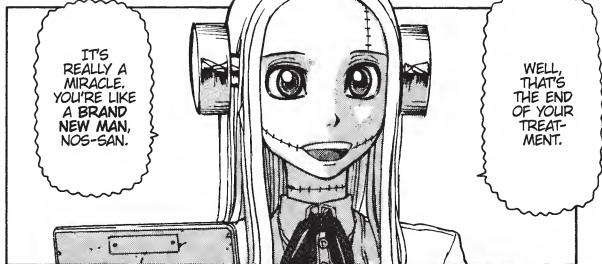
THOSE
SEAMS
HEAL FAST,
SO PRETTY
SOON THEY
WON'T
BE SO
OBVIOUS.

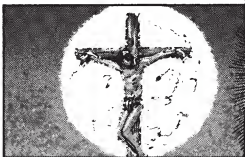
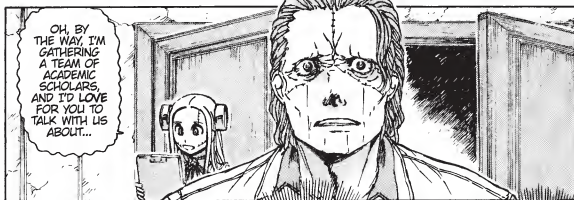
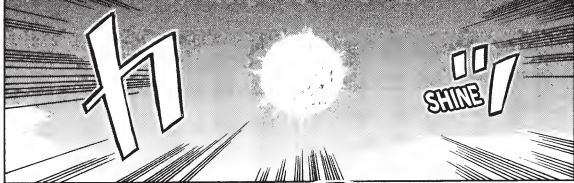
FOR YOU
TO LEARN
HOW
TO USE
YOUR NEW
BOOO-
GOODY.

I
THINK
IT'S
TIME...









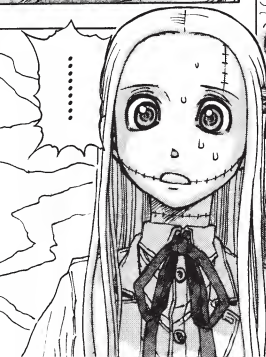
<BUT
RATHER,
WAIT
THERE
...>



<IF THEY
TELL
YOU TO
GO, YOU
MUST
NOT GO.>

MY
LORD.

IS THIS
WHERE
IT
ENDS?



NOS
--?!

dribble

k" 



I
COME...



...TO
YOUR
SIDE
NOW.

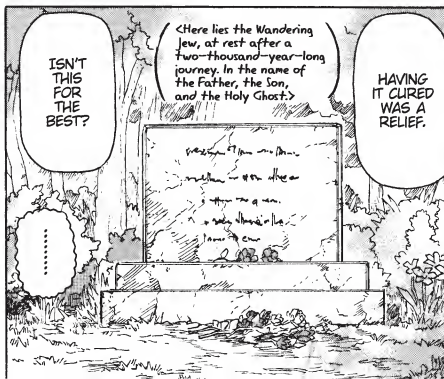
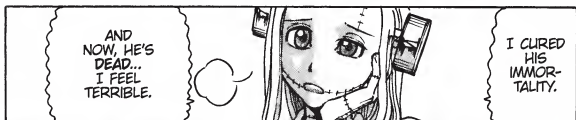
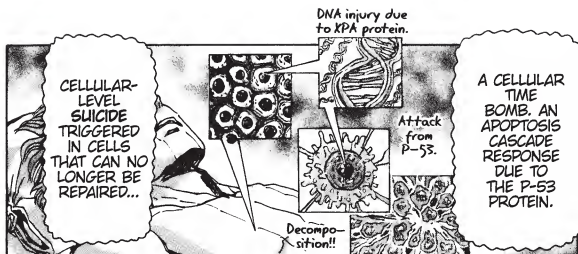


NOS-
SAN?



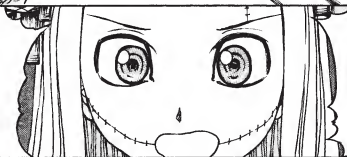
k"shploorp 

k"ooze 





ALL
THESE
BODIES
!!



REALLY,
VERONICA?!

NEED TO
LEARN
A FEW
SOCIAL
SKILLS
~!

YOU
REALLY
...

babump
babump

BUT
THEY
WERE
TARGET-
ING THE
LAB.

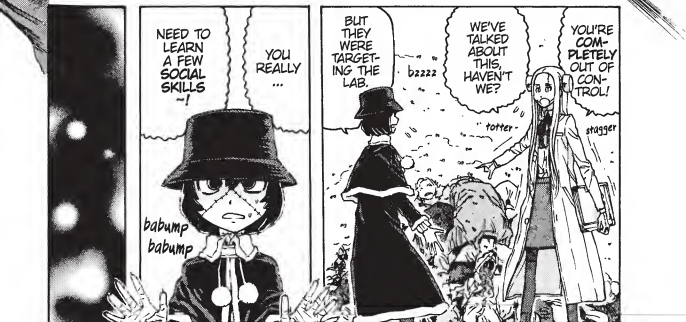
bzzzz

WE'VE
TALKED
ABOUT
THIS,
HAVEN'T
WE?

YOU'RE
COM-
PLETELY
OUT OF
CON-
TROL!

tetter

stagger



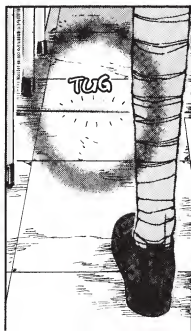
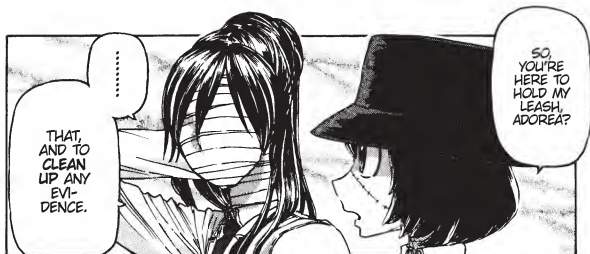
WELCOME TRANSFER STUDENTS

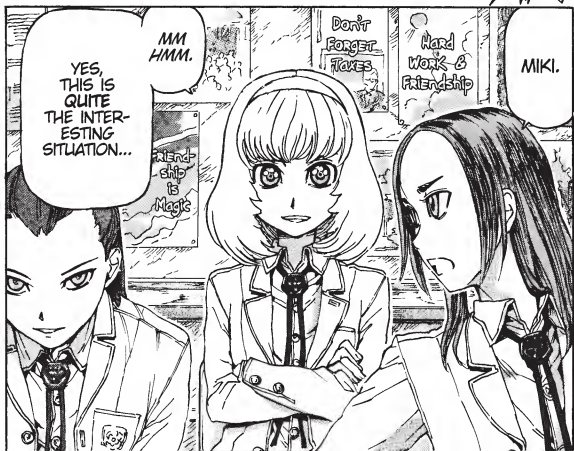
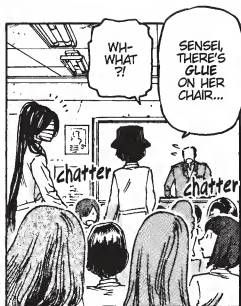
NOW,
THESE
TWO GIRLS
WILL BE
ATTENDING
CLASSES
HERE FOR
THE NEXT
MONTH
OR SO.

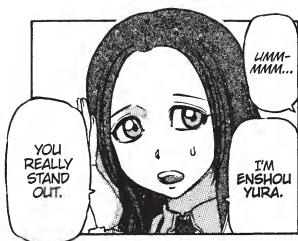
PLEASE
WELCOME
VERONICA
AND
ADOREA.

Ep.25 /
GIRL'S SCHOOL









YOU
REALLY
STAND
OUT.

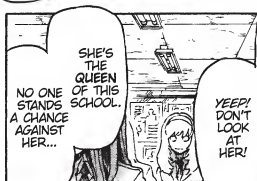
UHH-
MMM...

I'M
ENSHOU
YURA.



HEY,
LISTEN.

VERONI-
CA-
SAN,
RIGHT?



NO ONE
STANDS
A CHANCE
AGAINST
HER...

SHE'S
THE
QUEEN
OF THIS
SCHOOL.

YEEP!
DON'T
LOOK
AT HER!

OKAY,
SO THAT
GIRL IN
THE VERY
BACK IS
KULIYA
MIKI.



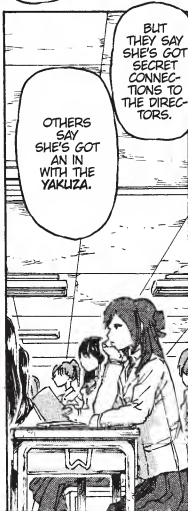
STAND
OUT?



THE
LAST
KIDS SHE
BULLIED
WENT
MISSING...

THE LAST
THING
YOU WANT
TO DO IS
GET HER
ATTENTION.

THIS
IS GOING
TO BE
ANNOY-
ING.



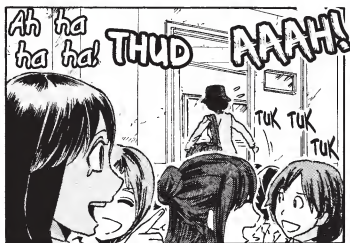
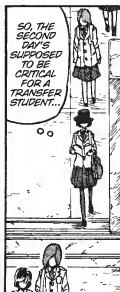
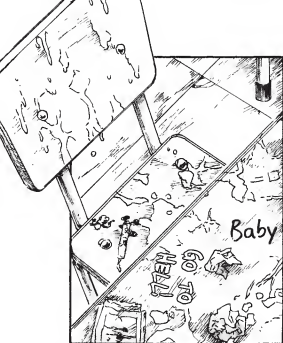
OTHERS
SAY
SHE'S GOT
AN IN
WITH THE
YAKUZA.

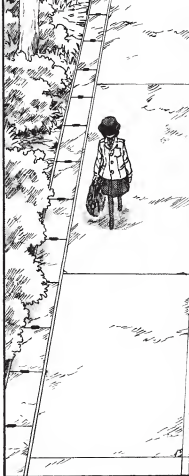
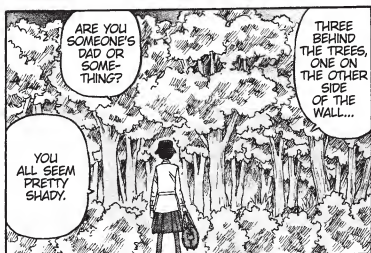
BUT
THEY SAY
SHE'S GOT
SECRET
CONNECTIONS
TO THE DIRECTORS.



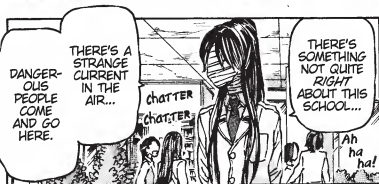
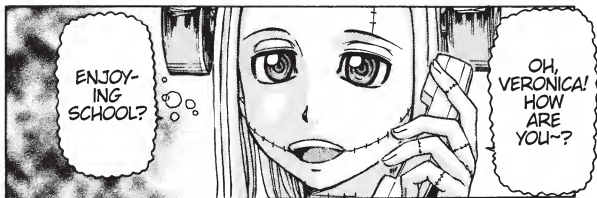
WELL,
I DON'T
KNOW
THE
DETAILS.

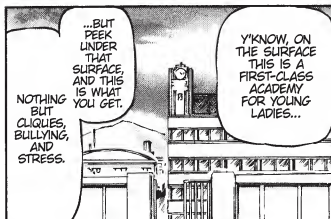
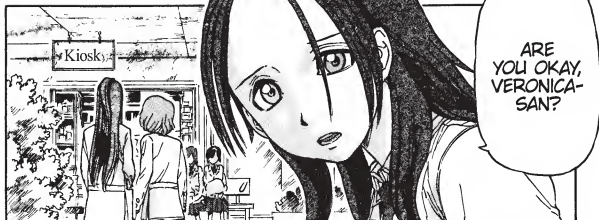
WHY?



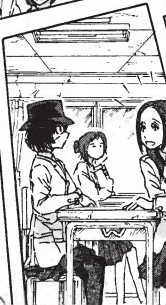
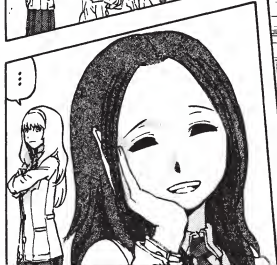
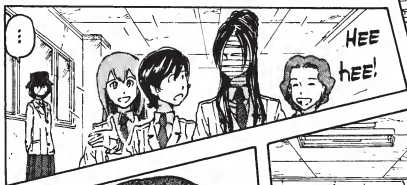
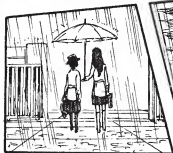
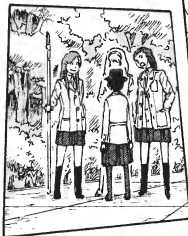
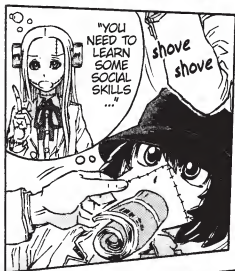


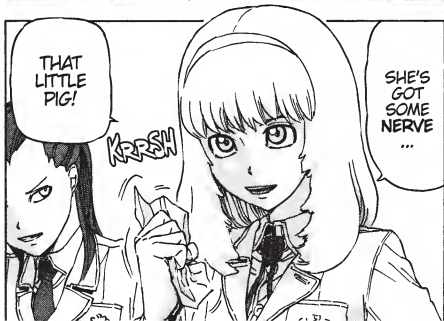


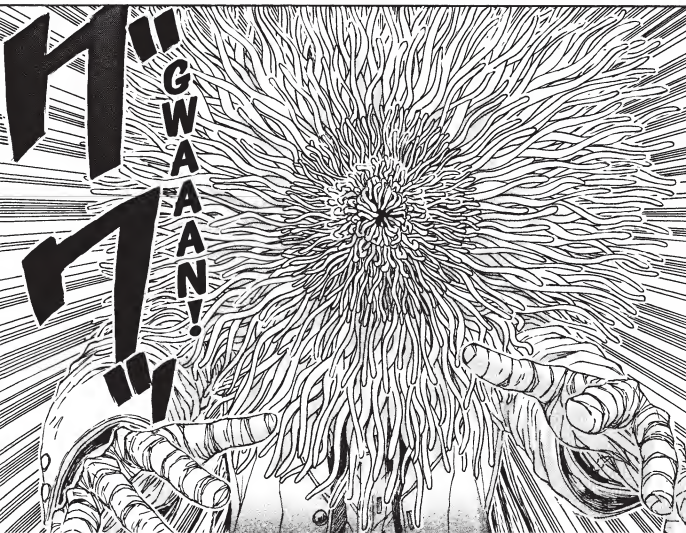
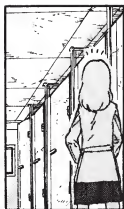


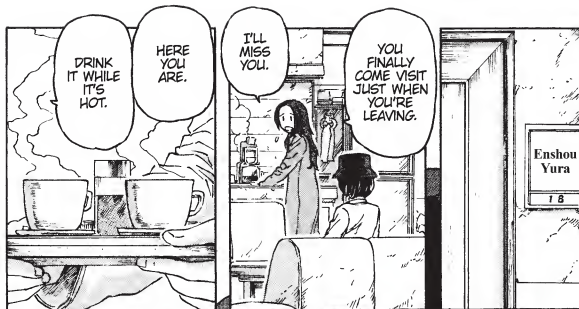


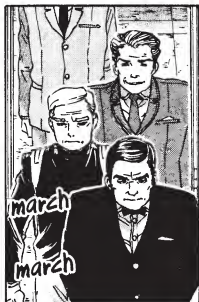


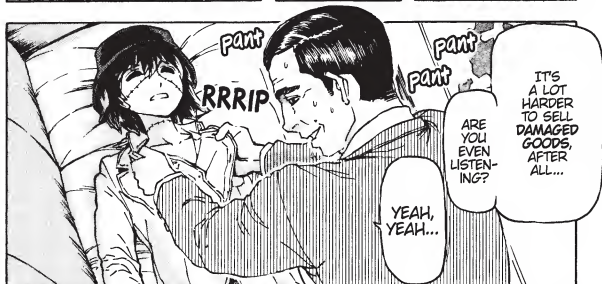
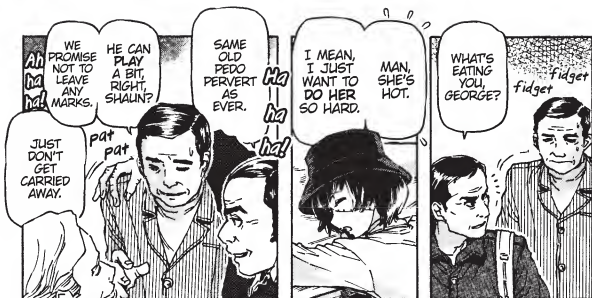






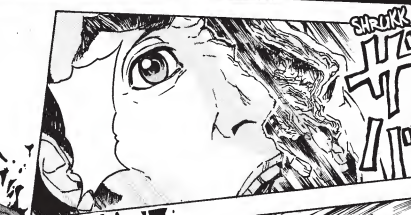




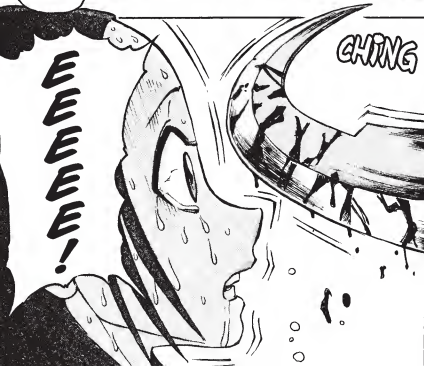




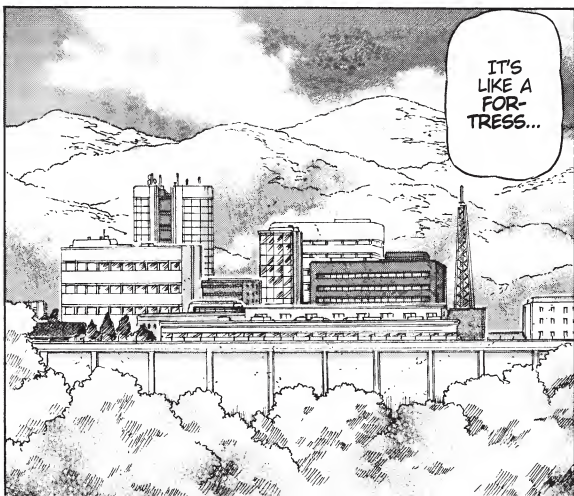




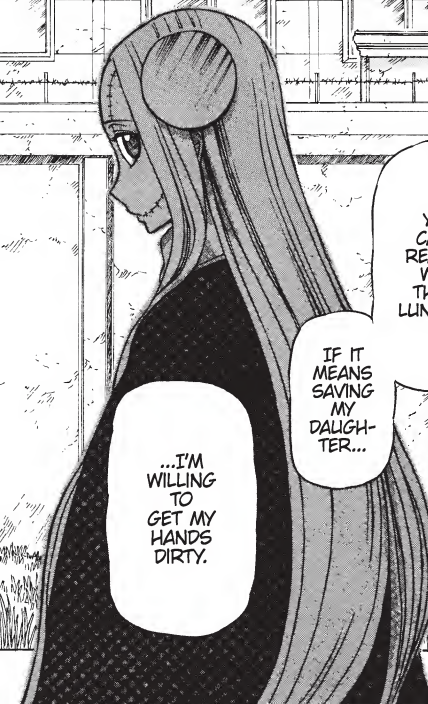








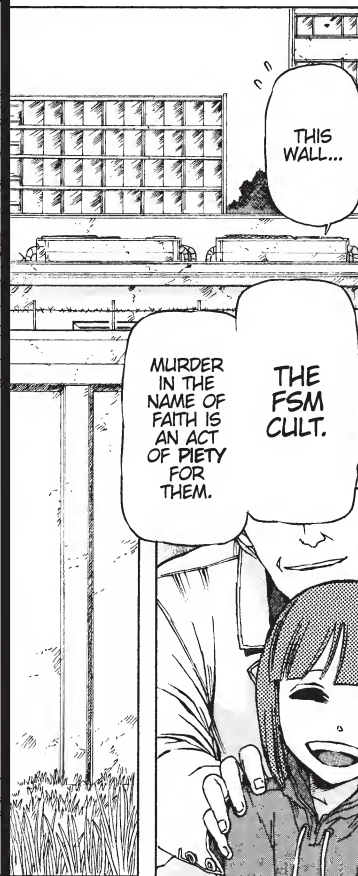
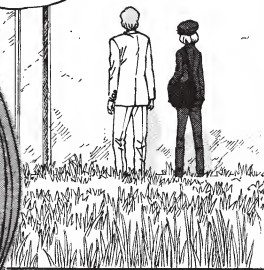
Ep.26 / PIETY



...I'M
WILLING
TO
GET MY
HANDS
DIRTY.

IF IT
MEANS
SAVING
MY
DAUGHTER...

YOU
CAN'T
REASON
WITH
THESE
LUNATICS.



THIS
WALL...

MURDER
IN THE
NAME OF
FAITH IS
AN ACT
OF PIETY
FOR THEM.

THE
FSM
CULT.

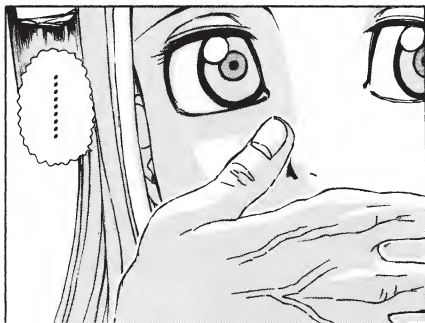
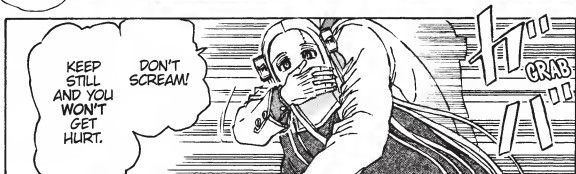
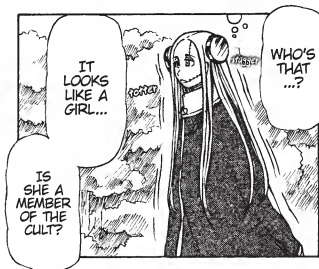
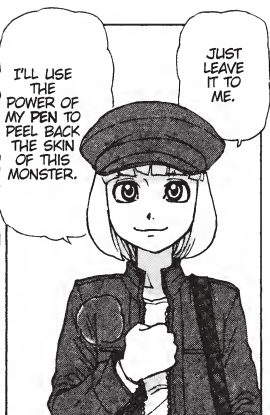
SHE
WAS
ALWAYS
FRAGILE,
BUT IF
SHE'S
STILL
ALIVE,
SHE'LL
BE TEN
NOW.

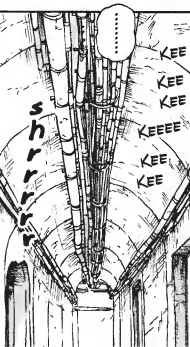
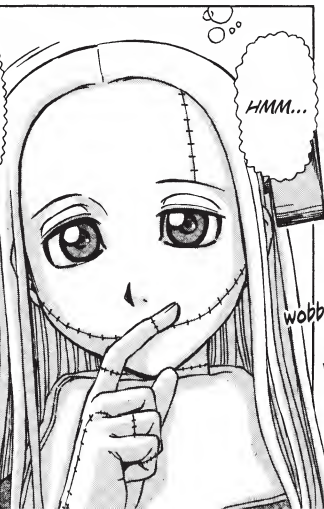
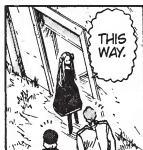
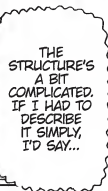
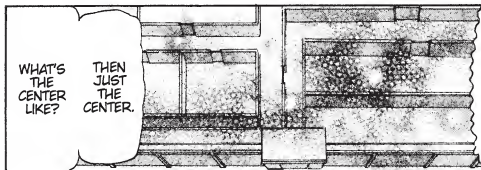
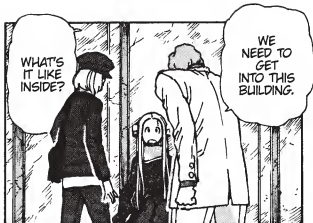
RURI.
MY
DAUGHTER.
MY EX-
WIFE RAN
OFF WITH
HER.

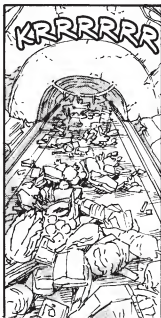
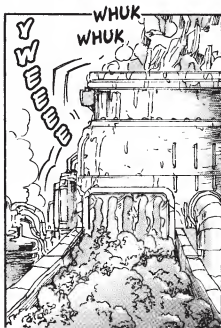
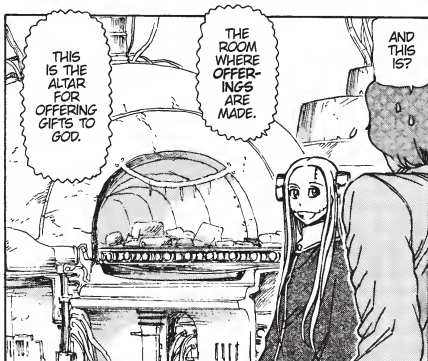
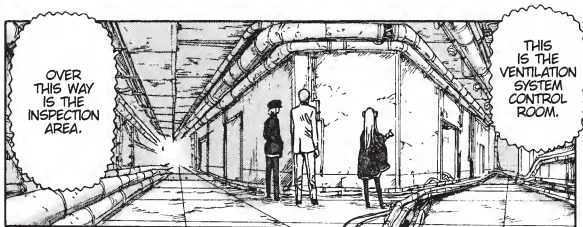
BUT
SHE
HAS
TO BE
HERE.

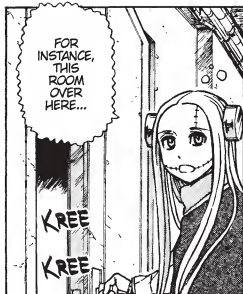


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FOR
INSTANCE,
THIS
ROOM
OVER
HERE...

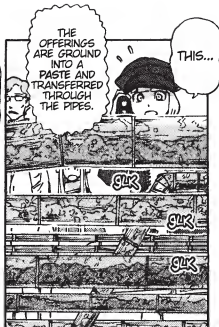
KREE
KREE



OH, IT'S
USED
FOR
QUITE A
LOT OF
THINGS.

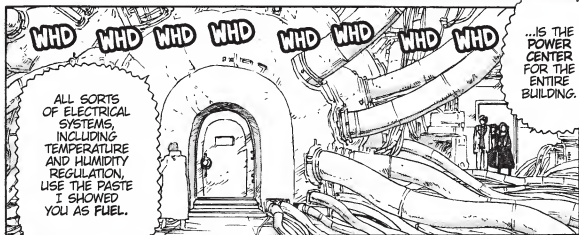
WHAT ON
EARTH
CAN THEY
POSSIBLY
DO WITH
THAT??

wobble
wobble



THE
OFFERINGS
ARE GROUND
INTO A
PASTE AND
TRANSFERRED
THROUGH
THE PIPES.

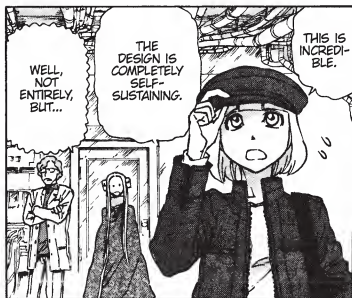
THIS...



WHD WHD WHD WHD WHD WHD WHD WHD

ALL SORTS
OF ELECTRICAL
SYSTEMS,
INCLUDING
TEMPERATURE
AND HUMIDITY
REGULATION,
USE THE PASTE
I SHOWED
YOU AS FUEL.

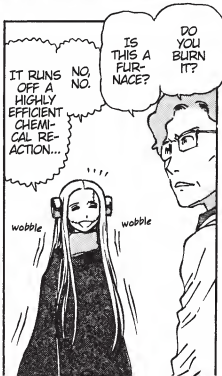
...IS THE
POWER
CENTER
FOR THE
ENTIRE
BUILDING.



WELL,
NOT
ENTIRELY,
BUT...

THE
DESIGN IS
COMPLETELY
SELF-
SUSTAINING.

THIS IS
INCREDI-
BLE.

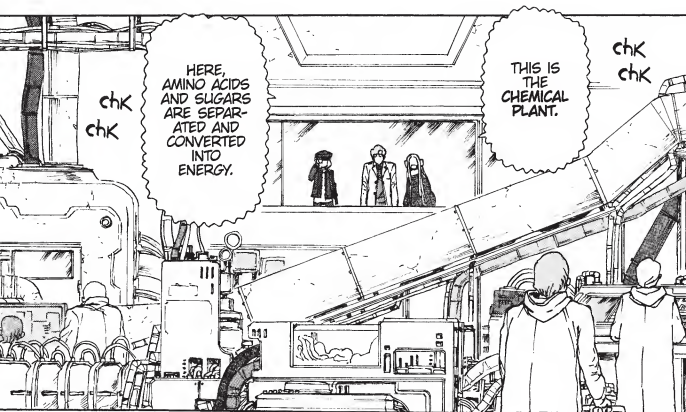


IT RUNS
OFF A
HIGHLY
EFFICIENT
CHEMICAL
REACTION...

NO.
NO.

IS
THIS A
FURNACE?

DO
YOU
BURN
IT?



chk
chk

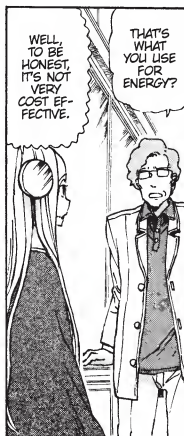
HERE,
AMINO ACIDS
AND SUGARS
ARE SEPAR-
ATED AND
CONVERTED
INTO ENERGY.

chk
chk
THIS IS
THE
CHEMICAL
PLANT.



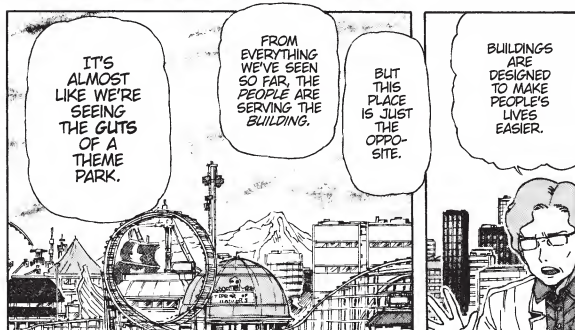
THE
IDEAL IS
MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN
PRACTI-
CILITY.

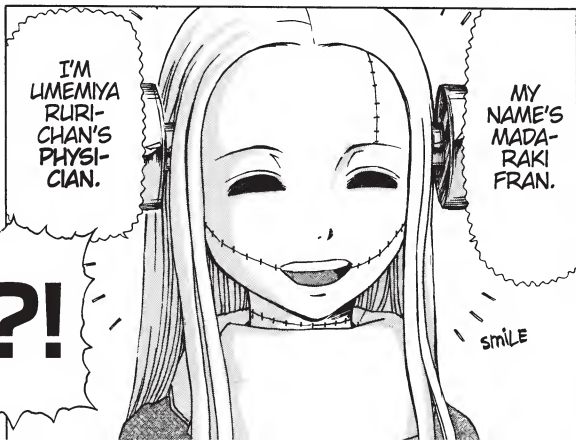
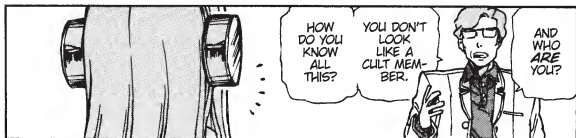
BUT
THIS ENTIRE
SANCTUARY
WAS BUILT
AS A
RELIGIOUS
SYMBOL.

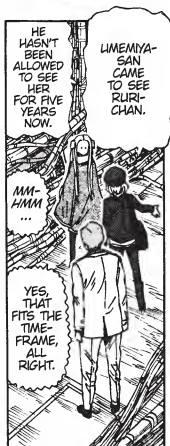
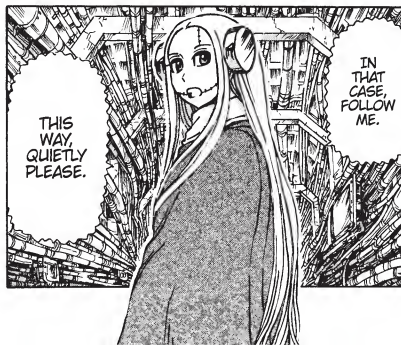
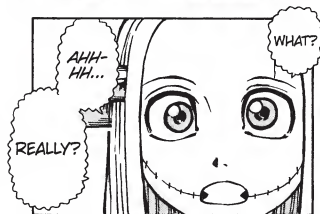
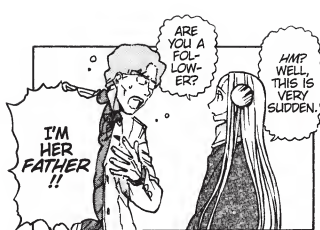


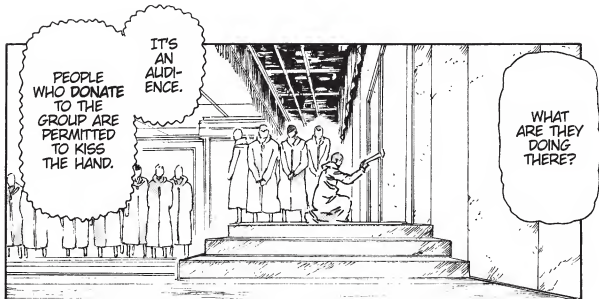
WELL,
TO BE
HONEST,
IT'S NOT
VERY
COST EF-
FECTIVE.

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU USE
FOR
ENERGY?





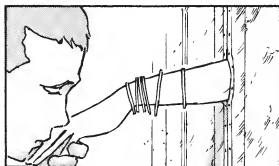




PEOPLE
WHO DONATE
TO THE
GROUP ARE
PERMITTED
TO KISS
THE HAND.

IT'S
AN
AUDIENCE.

WHAT
ARE THEY
DOING
THERE?



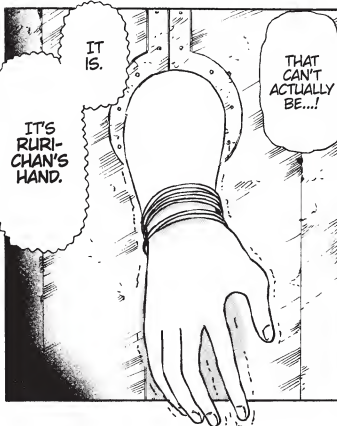
AH



I
CAN'T
SEE A
FACE.

A
FACE?

WHOSE
HAND
IS
THAT?



IT
IS.

IT'S
RURI-
CHAN'S
HAND.

THAT
CAN'T
ACTUALLY
BE...!

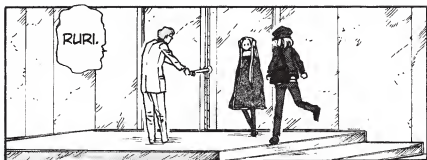


IF YOU
MAKE
A FUSS
AND GET
CAUGHT,
YOU'LL BE
IN REAL
TROUBLE.

IT'S
COMING
OUT
OF THE
WALL...!

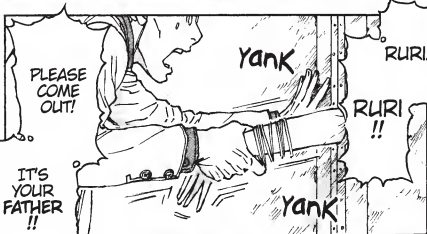
WH-
WHAT
IS
THAT?!

Shh!
Shh!



RURI.

.....
THE
AUDIENCE
IS OVER
NOW.



PLEASE
COME
OUT!

IT'S
YOUR
FATHER
!!

YANK

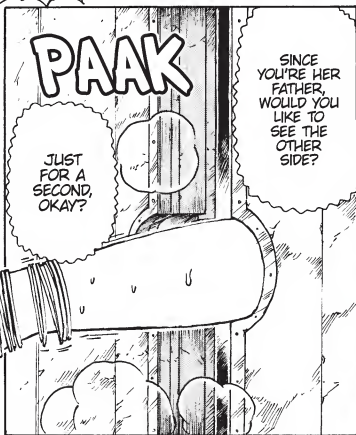
RURI!

RURI
!!

YANK



WE
SHOULD
GO.



JUST
FOR A
SECOND,
OKAY?

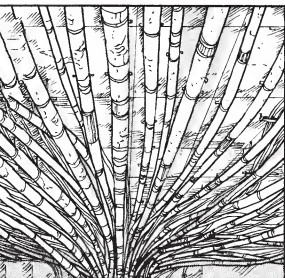
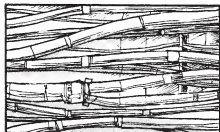
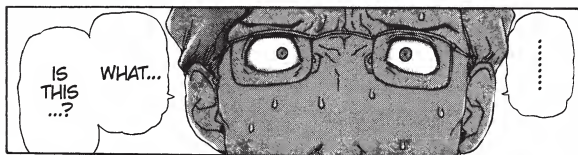
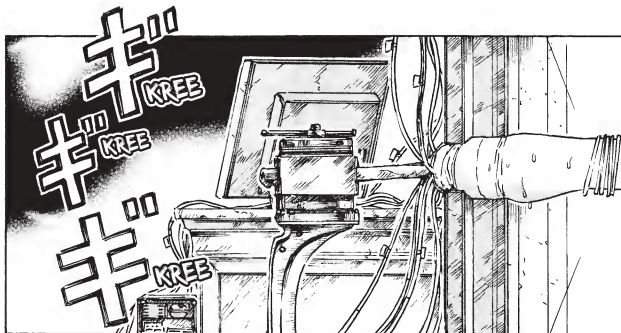
SINCE
YOU'RE HER
FATHER,
WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
SEE THE
OTHER
SIDE?

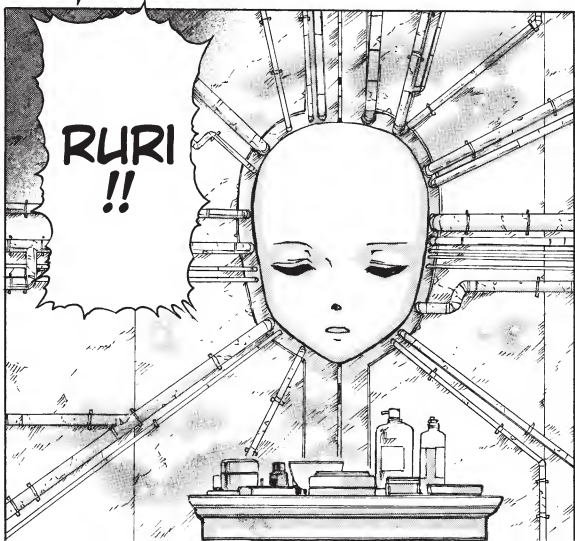
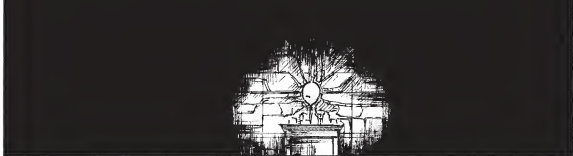
PAAK

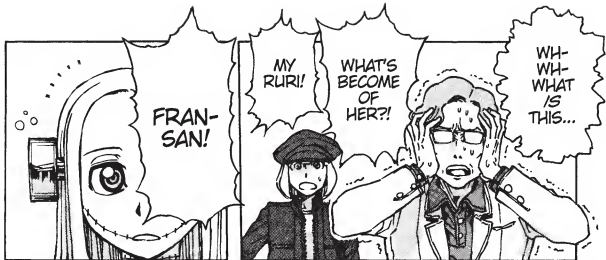


DON'T
BE SO
ROUGH.
YOU'LL
BREAK
HER.

GET MY
DAUGHTER
OUT OF
THERE!





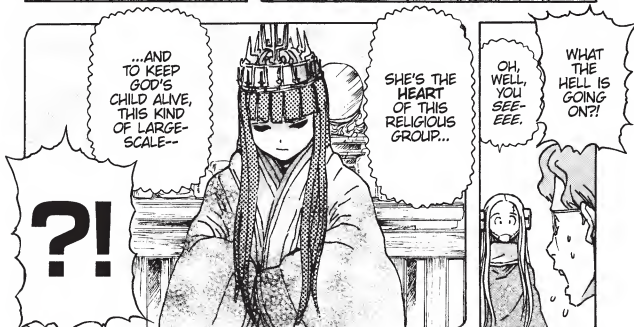


FRAN-SAN!

MY RURI!!

WHAT'S BECOME OF HER?!

WH-WH-WHAT IS THIS...



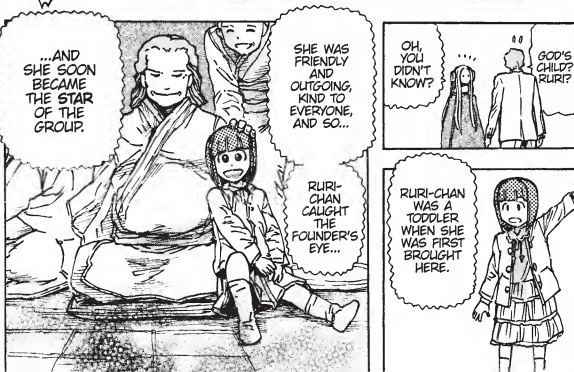
...AND TO KEEP GOD'S CHILD ALIVE, THIS KIND OF LARGE-SCALE--

SHE'S THE HEART OF THIS RELIGIOUS GROUP...

OH, WELL, YOU SEE-EEE.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

?!



...AND SHE SOON BECAME THE STAR OF THE GROUP.

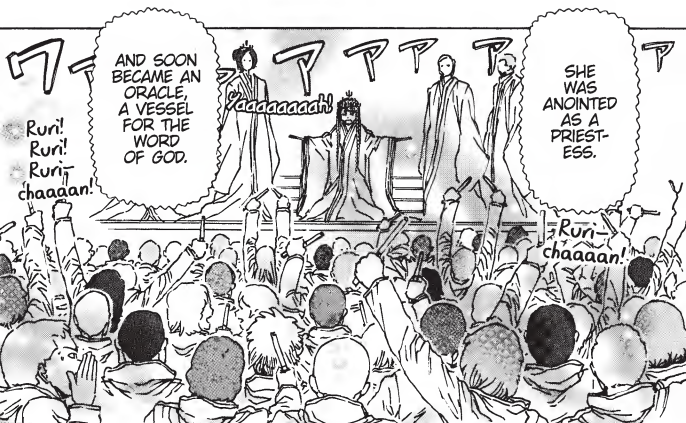
SHE WAS FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING, KIND TO EVERYONE, AND SO...

RURI-CHAN CAUGHT THE FOUNDER'S EYE...

OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

GOD'S CHILD? RURI?

RURI-CHAN WAS A TODDLER WHEN SHE WAS FIRST BROUGHT HERE.



AND SOON
BECAME AN
ORACLE,
A VESSEL
FOR THE
WORD
OF GOD.

SHE
WAS
ANointed
AS A
PRIEST-
ESS.

Ruri!
Ruri!
Ruri-
chaaaaan!

Yaaaaaaah!

Ruri-
chaaaaan!



AND
THEY
CALLED
ME IN.

BUT
THEN,
SHE
COL-
LAPSED
...



YOU
DON'T
LINDER-
STAND.

GET
RURI OUT
OF HERE!
EVEN IF
I HAVE
TO TAKE
HER OUT
IN PIECES
....!

MY
DAUGH-
TER...

ENOUGH!

SINCE
ALL
MEDICINE
IS FOR-
BIDDEN
TO THIS
GROUP...



Blood gas transfer,
Hemoglobin and
oxygen union
<Lungs>

Brain and
sensory
organ lab

THIS
ENTIRE
BUILDING
IS
RURI-
CHAN.

THEY
REFUSED
ANY
BIOLOGICAL
CARE, SO I
REPLACED
HER OR-
GANS WITH
ARTIFICIAL
ONES.

Circulation of
blood through-
out the building
<Heart>

Chemical
absorption and
transformation
<Intestines>

Nutrition synthesis/
decomposition,
Thousands of
chemical reactions
<Liver>

Waste
evacuation
<Anus>

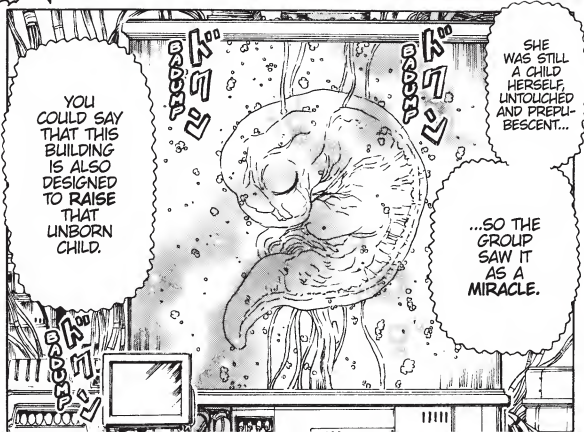
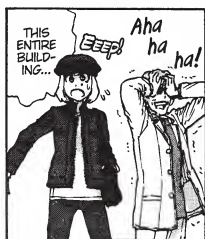
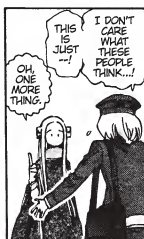
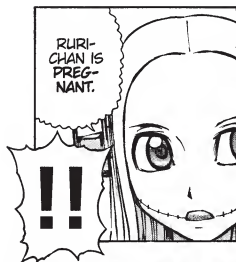
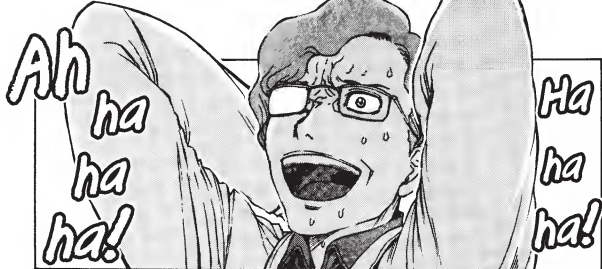
TO
MAINTAIN
THE
ENORMOUS
ARTIFICIAL
ORGANS,
A LARGER
STRUCTURE
WAS
REQUIRED.

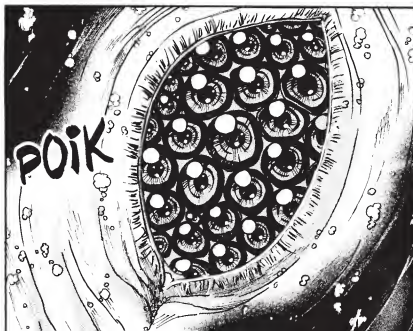
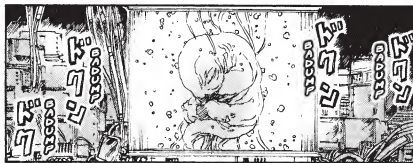
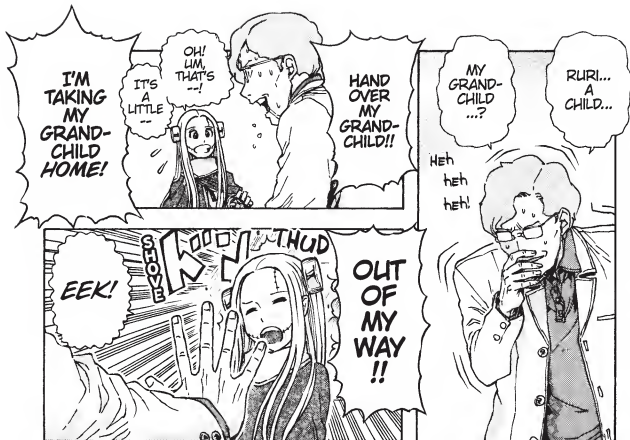
Nutrition
breakdown
and agitation
<Stomach>

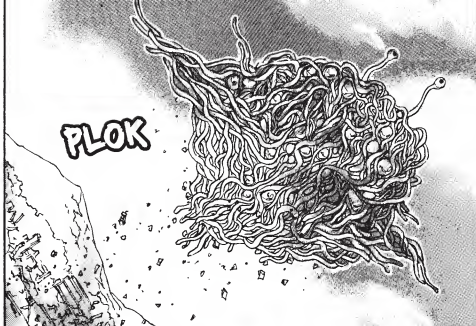
Nutrition
intake
<Mouth>

THE
HUMAN
BODY IS
SIMPLY
THAT
COM-
PLICATED.



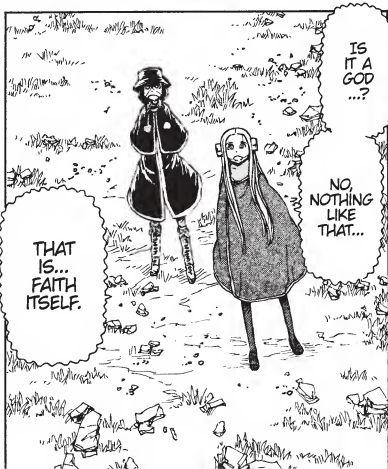






IT LOOKS
LIKE...
A FLYING
CREATURE
MADE OF
SPA-
GHETTI.

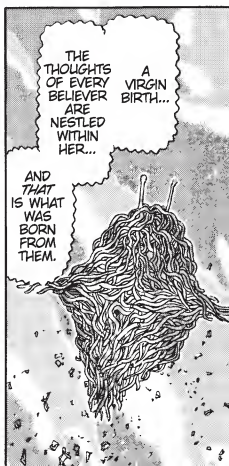
IT'S
LEAV-
ING...



THAT
IS...
FAITH
ITSELF.

NO,
NOTHING
LIKE THAT...

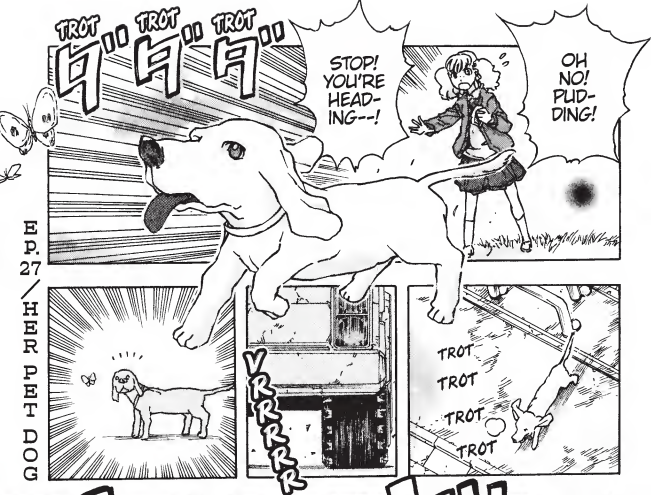
IS
IT A
GOD
...?



THE
THOUGHTS
OF EVERY
BELIEVER
ARE
NESTLED
WITHIN
HER...

A
VIRGIN
BIRTH...

AND
THAT
IS WHAT
WAS
BORN
FROM
THEM.



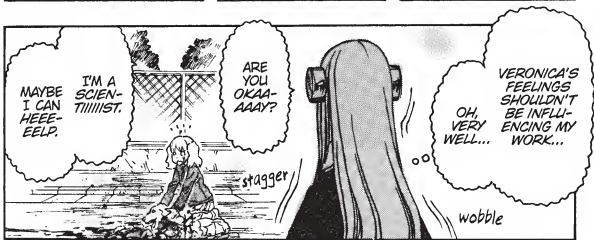
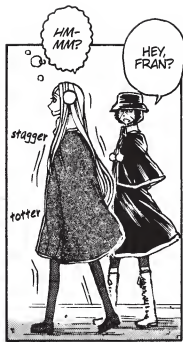
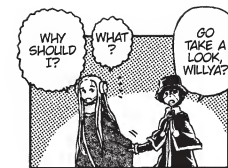
ZOOOOOOO!



PLU-
DIII-
IING!!

PLU-
DING!

Ep.27 /
HER PET DOG





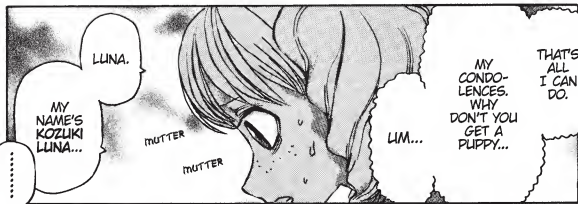
THIS IS
VETERINARY
WORK.
IT'S
OUTSIDE
MY FIELD.

AND I DON'T
HAVE ANY
REPLACE-
MENT
PARTS FOR
DOGS.

THE
DAMAGE
TO THE
BODY IS
EXTEN-
SIVE.

I'M
NOT A
MIRACLE
WORKER.

CAN'T
YOU DO
ANY-
THING?



LUNA.

MY
NAME'S
KOZUKI
LUNA...

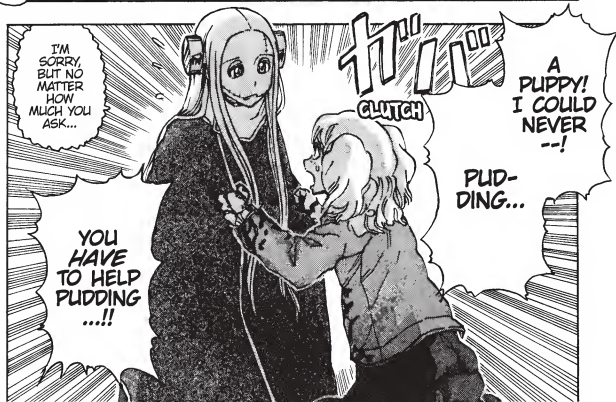
MUTTER

MUTTER

UM...

MY
CONDO-
LENCES.
WHY
DON'T YOU
GET A
PUPPY...

THAT'S
ALL
I CAN
DO.



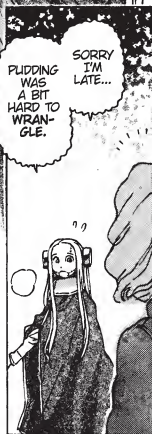
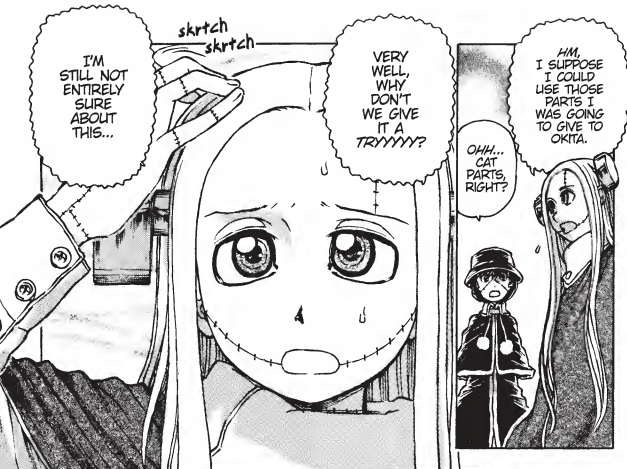
I'M
SORRY,
BUT NO
MATTER
HOW
MUCH YOU
ASK...

YOU
HAVE
TO HELP
PUDDING
...!!

CLUTCH

A
PUPPY!
I COULD
NEVER
--!

PUDD-
DING...

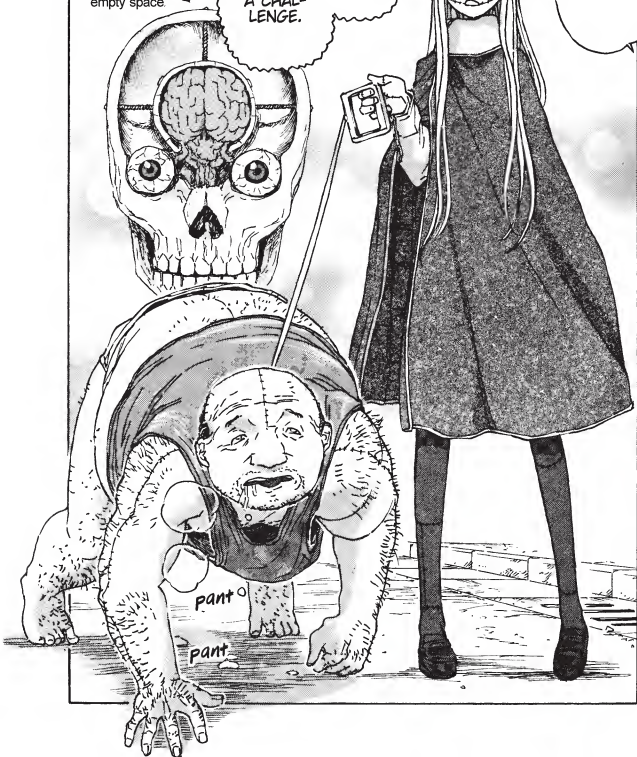


The dog brain is inserted into an artificial skull for protection, which is then affixed with bolts inside a human skull. The majority of the head is empty space.

RESTARTING HIS
BRAIN
FUNCTIONS
WAS
QUINITE
A CHAL-
LENGE.

...PUD-
DING-
CHAN.

SO,
UM...
HERE'S...





VERONICA, YOU CAN'T LET HER RUN.

NO !!

ヒューヒュー



SO PLEASE, GIVE HIM A CHANCE.



WAIT!
WAIT,
PUD-DING!

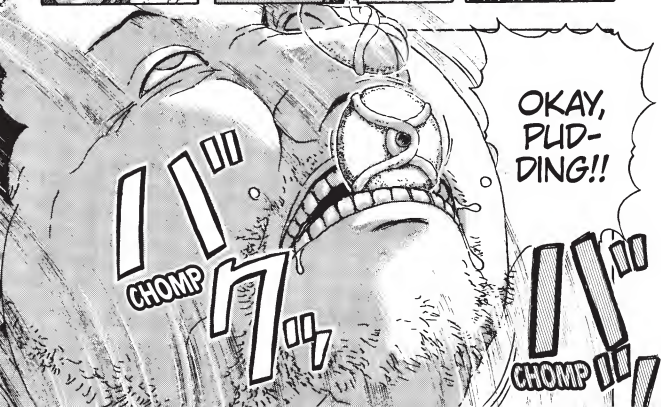


pant
pant



O-O-KAY...

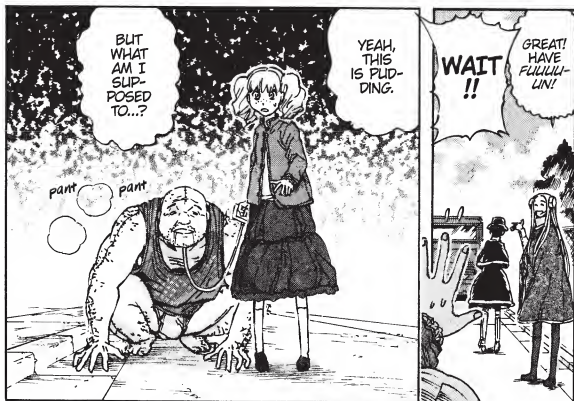
pant



OKAY,
PUD-DING!!

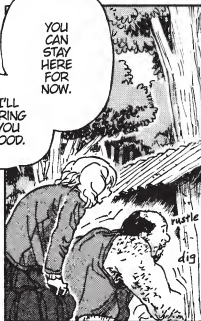
CHOMP

CHOMP



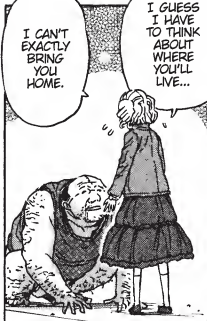
YOU
CAN
STAY
HERE
FOR
NOW.

I'LL
BRING
YOU
FOOD.



I CAN'T
EXACTLY
BRING
YOU
HOME.

I GUESS
I HAVE
TO THINK
ABOUT
WHERE
YOU'LL
LIVE...



EEEE-
EEE!

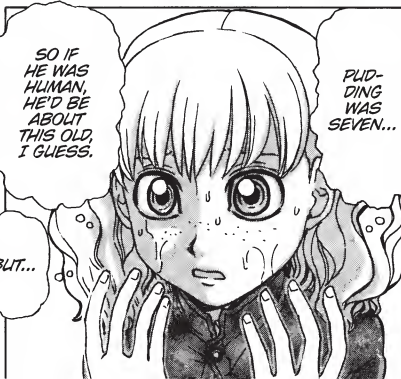
LICK
LICK



SO IF
HE WAS
HUMAN,
HE'D BE
ABOUT
THIS OLD,
I GUESS.

PUD-
DING
WAS
SEVEN...

BUT...

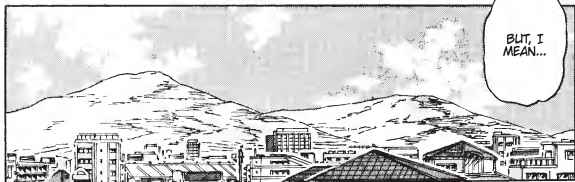


HOW CAN
YOU BE
STINKIER
NOW THAN
WHEN YOU
WERE A
DOG...

OH,
GRO-
OOO-
OSS!

wipe
wipe





BUT, I
MEAN...



I
DON'T
THINK
SO.

NO...

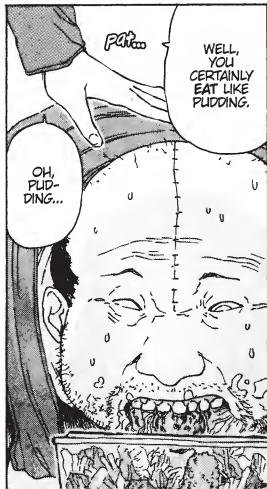
ARE
YOU
EATING
MORE?

LUNA?



WE'VE
BEEN
RUNNING
OUT OF
FOOD
AWFULLY
FAST.

YOU
KNOW,
LATELY...



Pft...

WELL,
YOU
CERTAINLY
EAT LIKE
PUDDING.

OH,
PUDD-
ING...



...

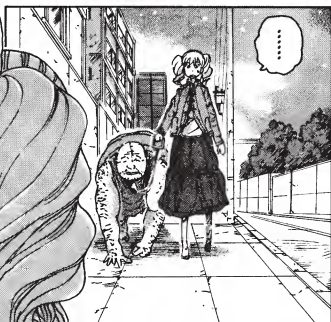
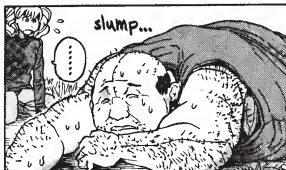
chomp
chomp

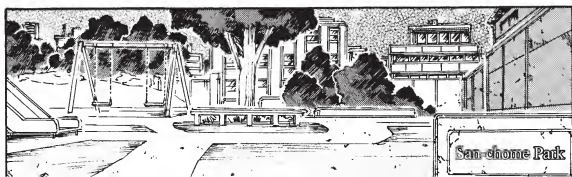
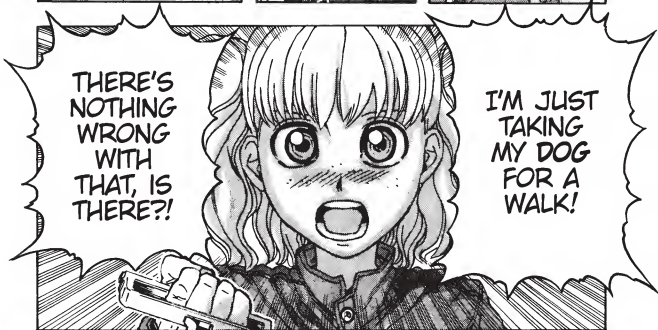
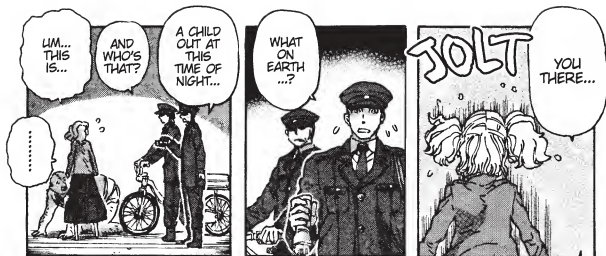


HE
DOESN'T
HAVE
A DOG
BODY,
AFTER
ALL.
I CAN'T
EXACTLY
GIVE HIM
DOG
FOOD...

sneak

sneak







SOME-
WHERE
FAR
AWAY.

MAYBE
I'LL
JUST
LEAVE
HIM...

SKRATCH
SKRATCH



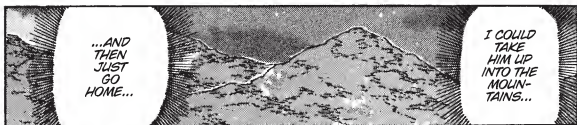
AND
YOU
JUST
SIT
THERE
GRIN-
NING.

UGH
...

pant
pant



.....



...AND
THEN
JUST
GO
HOME...

I COULD
TAKE
HIM UP
INTO THE
MOUN-
TAINS...



ABOUT
TIME.

WE
WANNA
PLAY,
TOOOOO
~!



NIHICE.

LITTLE
LADY.

YOU'VE
GOT
SOME
FREAKY-
ASS
TASTES...



LET
GO!!

THIS
WAS
TURNING
INTO A
REAL
SAUSAGE
FEST.

GRAB

YOU
GOT A
SWEEEEET
LITTLE
BODY.

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
I--!

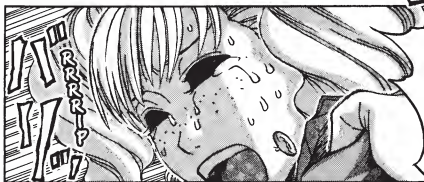
STOP
IT!

YOU IN
JUNIOR
HIGH?
ELEMENT-
ARY
SCHOOL,
MAYBE?

GET
LOST!

HEY,
OLD
FART!

WHAM
DU



NOOOOOOOO!



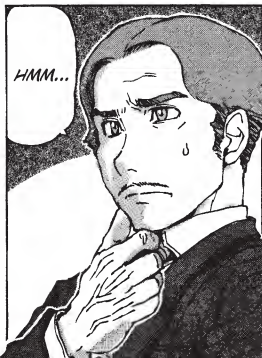
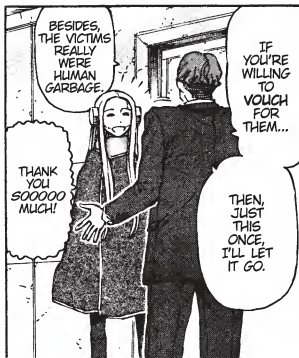
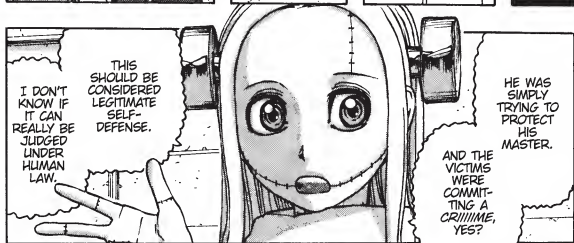


Aaaaah!

PUD-DING!

RRRRIP

IIII



THANK
GOOD-
NESS!

PLUD-
DING!



YOU
TRUSTED
ME...

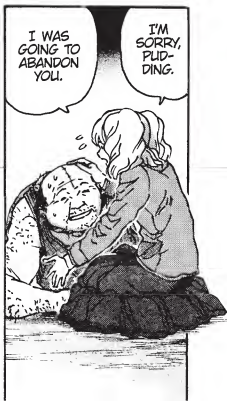
BUT
YOU
THOUGHT
ONLY
OF ME.

pant

pant

I WAS
GOING TO
ABANDON
YOU.

I'M
SORRY,
PLUD-
DING.



I'M SO
SORRY,
PLU-
DING.

I'M
SORRY...

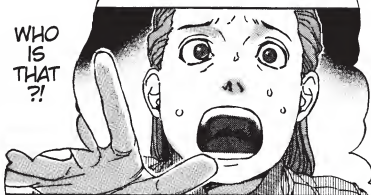
whiiiiine



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING
?!

WHO
IS
THAT
?!

HOLD
IT
RIGHT
THERE,
YOUNG
LADY!



OKAY,
I'M
GOING
NOW.

HE'S
ALL
BETTER.



THIS
IS
PUD-
DING.

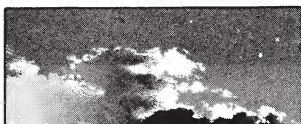
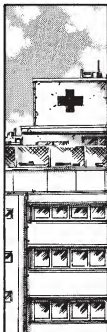
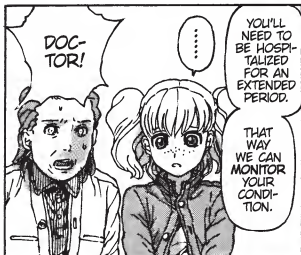
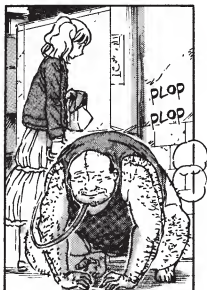
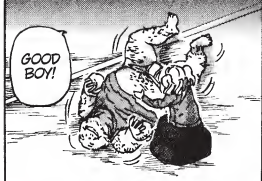
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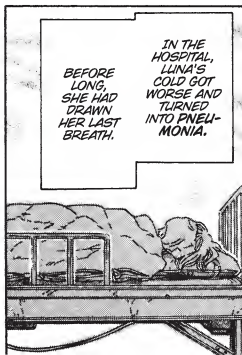
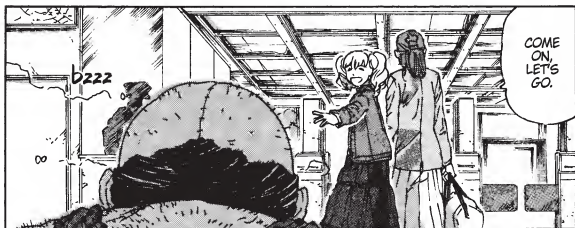
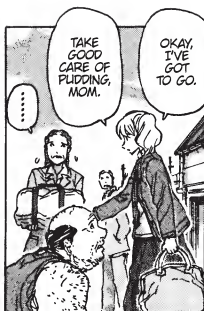
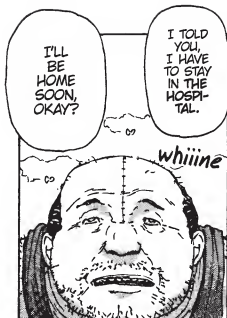
YOU'RE
STILL
MY OWN
PUD-
DING.

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO BE
EMBAR-
RASSED
ABOUT.

I
KNOW
THAT
NOW.









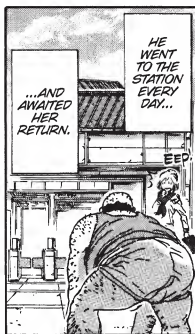
BUT
PUDDING
DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT.



...HE
WAITED
FOR
LINA TO
COME
HOME.

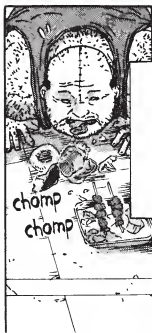


THROUGH
RAIN,
THROUGH
SNOW...



...AND
AWAITED
HER
RETURN.

HE
WENT
TO THE
STATION
EVERY
DAY...

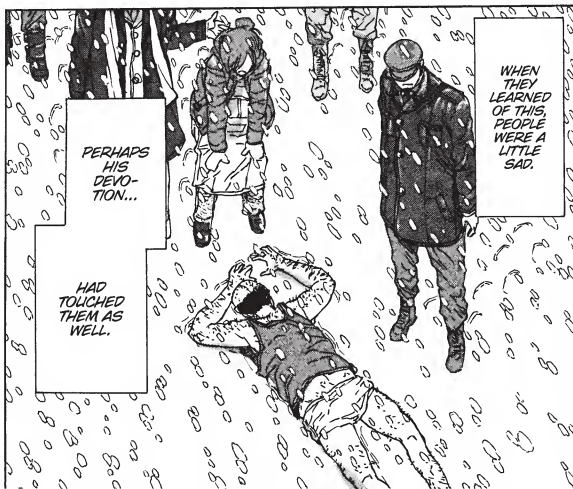
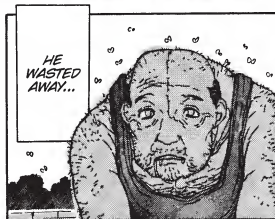
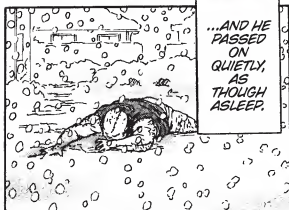
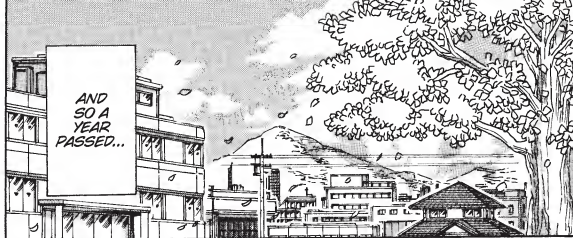


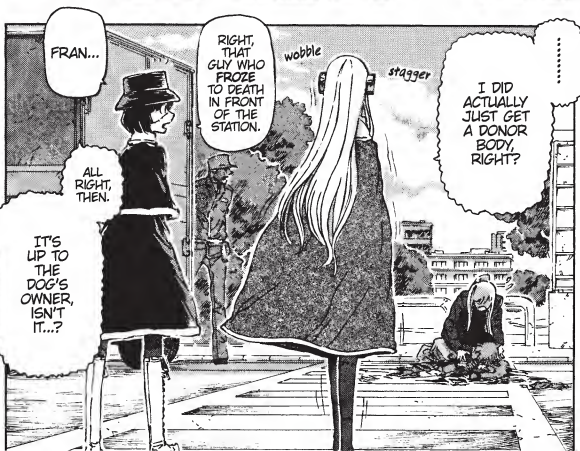
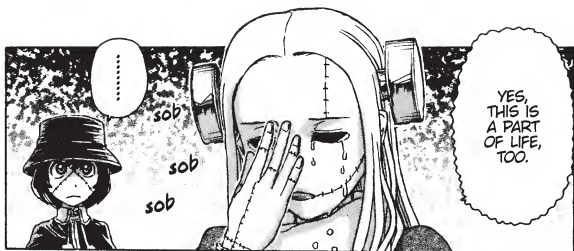
THEY
BEGAN
GIVING
HIM
FOOD.

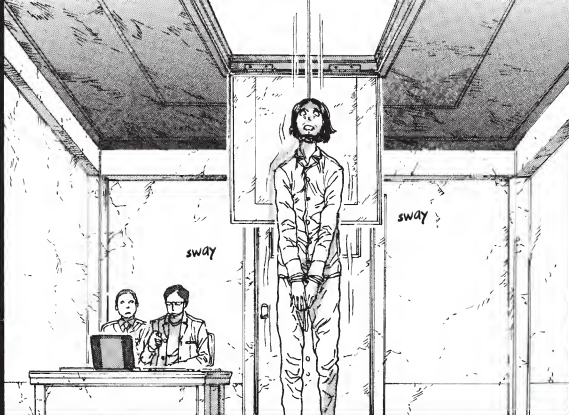
BUT
THEY
QUICKLY
REALIZED
HE WAS
HARM-
LESS.

He's
here
again.
Aw, so
cute!

AT FIRST,
THE
PASSEN-
GERS
THOUGHT
HE WAS
CREEPY.







**EXECUTION OF CONVICTED PRISONER
KUNIKIDA OSAMU WAS CARRIED OUT,
WITH DEATH CONFIRMED AT 11:30 P.M.**

**AND YET,
KUNIKIDA
RE-
TURNED
TO WALK
THE
EARTH.**



Morgue



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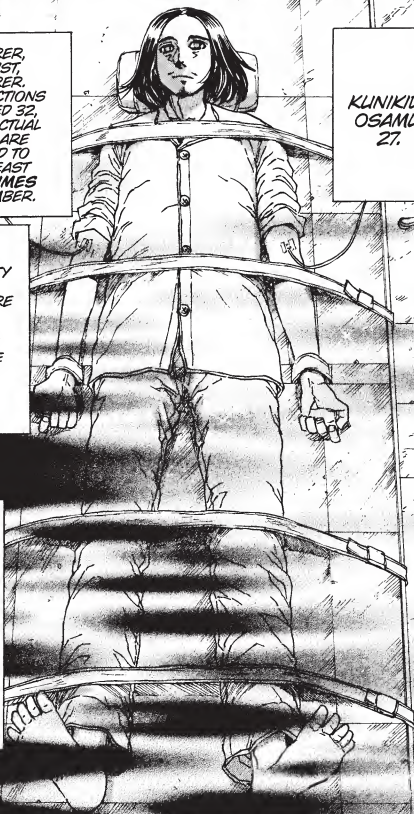
A VERY LUCKY MAN

WANDERER,
HEDONIST,
MURDERER.
HIS CONVICTIONS
NUMBERED 32,
BUT HIS ACTUAL
CRIMES ARE
BELIEVED TO
BE AT LEAST
THREE TIMES
THAT NUMBER.

KUNIKIDA
OSAMU,
27.

ALTHOUGH
THE MAJORITY
OF HIS
ATTACKS WERE
IMPULSIVE,
HE TENDED
TO GET OFF
SCOTT-FREE
DUE TO
LACK OF
EVIDENCE.

BETWEEN
GOOD LUCK
AND HIS
CLEAR
HEAD, HE
EXTENDED
HIS KILLING
SPREE FOR
OVER TEN
YEARS.





HIS
SECOND
EXECU-
TION...

WAS
CARRIED
OUT
THROUGH
AN INJEC-
TION OF
POTASSIUM
CHLORIDE.

THE
EXECUTION
WENT
WITHOUT A
HITCH, AND
HE WAS
CONFIRMED
DEAD.

beep

HE
STARTED
MOVING
IN THE
MORGUE
AGAIN...
WE'RE AB-
SOLUTELY
BAFFLED.

AND
YET...

HE WAS
DEFINITELY
DEAD.
HEART
STOPPED,
PUPILS
FIXED,
NO BRAIN
ACTIVITY.

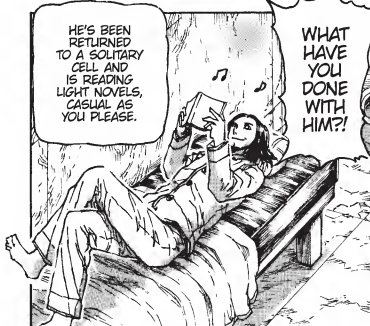
BUT...

HOW IS
THIS
POSSI-
BLE?!

KUNIKIDA
CAME
BACK TO
LIFE
AGAIN?!

HE'S BEEN
RETURNED
TO A SOLITARY
CELL AND
IS READING
LIGHT NOVELS,
CASUAL AS
YOU PLEASE.

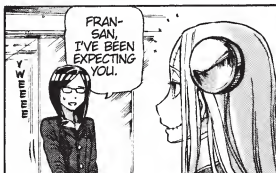
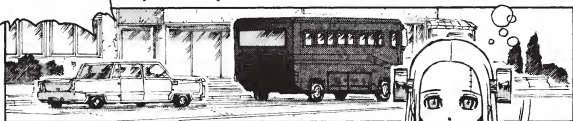
WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE
WITH
HIM?!



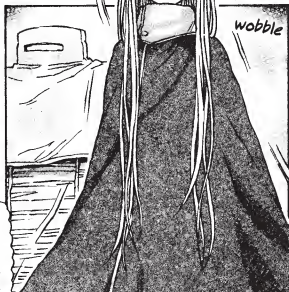
HAVE
'EM FIND
A WAY TO
EXECUTE
THIS
BASTARD
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!!

I DON'T
CARE WHO,
AS LONG
AS THEY
CAN DEAL
WITH THIS
FIASCO!

GET
SOME
MEDICAL
EXPERTS
IN
HERE!



FRAN-
SAN,
I'VE BEEN
EXPECTING
YOU.



wobble

I'LL BE
YOUR
GUIDE
TODAY.

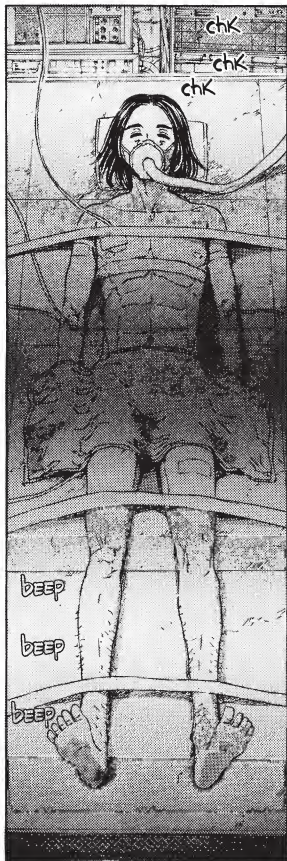
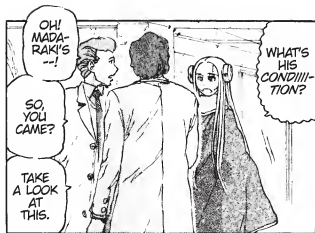
huff huff

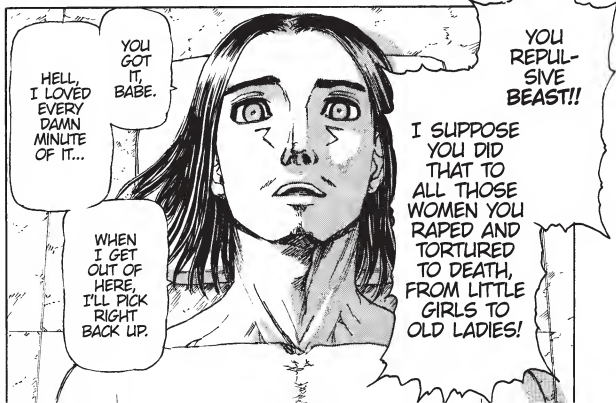
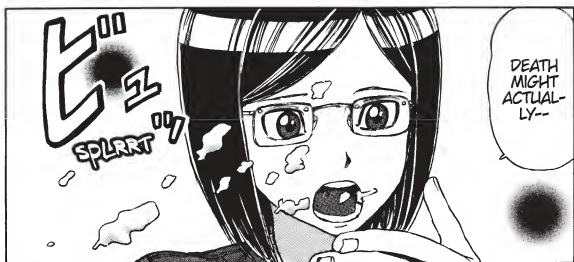
OH!
KUIHO-
SAAA-
AAN!

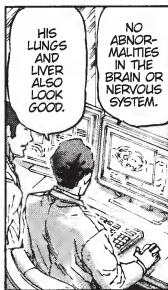
LET'S
GET
START-
ED.

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG
TIME!

boom





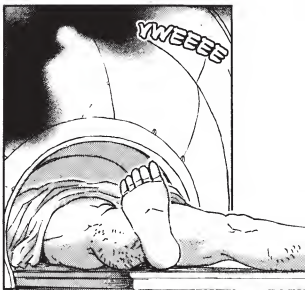


HIS LUNGS AND LIVER ALSO LOOK GOOD.

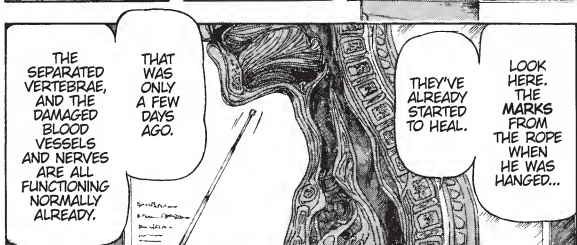
NO ABNORMALITIES IN THE BRAIN OR NERVOUS SYSTEM.



BEEP
BEEP
BEEP



YWEEEE



THE SEPARATED VERTEBRAE, AND THE DAMAGED BLOOD VESSELS AND NERVES ARE ALL FUNCTIONING NORMALLY ALREADY.

THAT WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO.

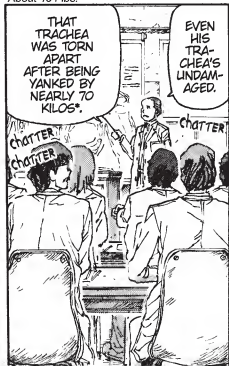
THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED TO HEAL.

LOOK HERE. THE MARKS FROM THE ROPE WHEN HE WAS HANGED...

*About 154 lbs.



.....

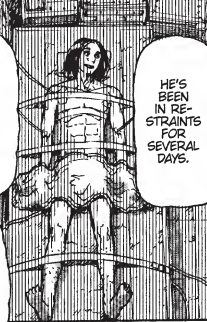


THAT TRACHEA WAS TORN APART AFTER BEING YANKED BY NEARLY TO KILOS*.

EVEN HIS TRACHEA'S UNDA-
MAGED.

CHATTER
CHATTER

CHATTER

A woman with long dark hair is shown from the waist up, standing inside a cage made of vertical bars. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, outfit. Her expression is somewhat neutral but slightly weary.

NORMALLY,
MUSCLES
WOULD
BEGIN TO
ATROPHY...

HE'S
BEEN
IN RE-
STRAINTS
FOR SEVERAL
DAYS.

BUT
THAT'S
NOT
HAPPENING
HERE.

A close-up of a man with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark cap and a high-collared jacket. A single drop of sweat is visible on his forehead. In the background, another person wearing a mask is partially visible.

HE'S SO
HEALTHY,
IT'S
UNNATURAL.

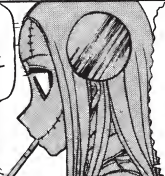
NO
MAJOR
ILLNESSES.
NO INJURIES.
NOT EVEN
A CAVITY.

Two men are shown in a room. The man on the left has dark hair and glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt. The man on the right has short dark hair and is wearing a light-colored shirt with a dark tie. They both appear concerned.

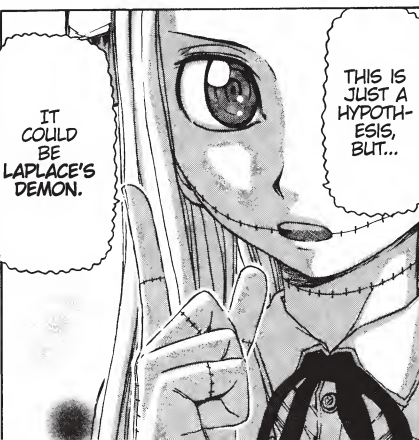
IF WE
COULD
SOMEHOW
UNLOCK HIS
SECRET,
PEOPLE
WOULD
PAY ANY
AMOUNT
OF MONEY
FOR IT.

BUT,
MY
GOD...

IN
TERMS
OF HIS
PHYSICAL
CONSTITUTION,
YES.

A close-up of a woman with long, light-colored hair. She is wearing a headscarf or bandage that covers her eyes. She has a serious expression.

SO,
YOU'RE
SAYING
HE'S AN
INCREDIBLY
HEALTHY
YOUNG
MAN...

A large close-up of a woman with long, light-colored hair. She is wearing a headscarf or bandage that covers her eyes. She has a serious expression and is pointing her right index finger upwards.

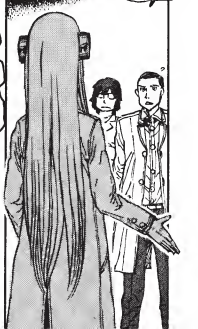
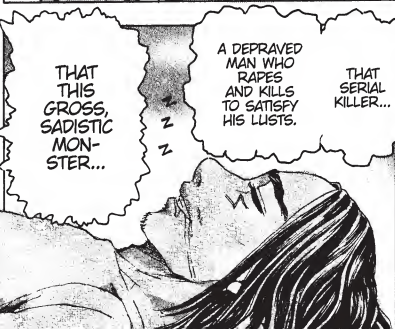
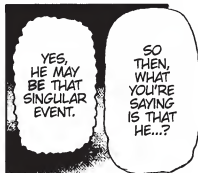
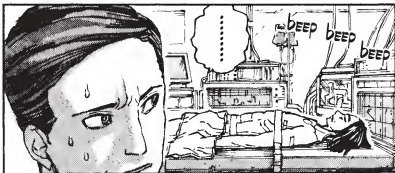
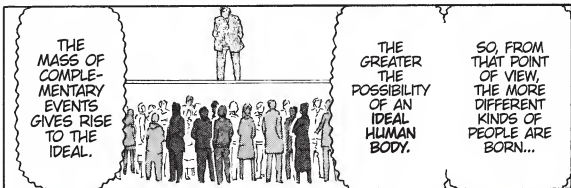
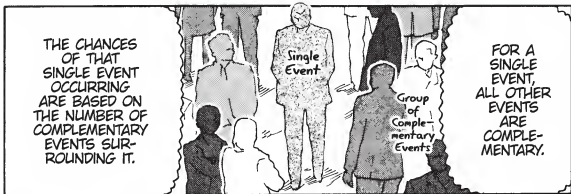
IT
COULD
BE
LAPLACE'S
DEMON.

THIS IS
JUST A
HYPOTHESIS,
BUT...

HAVE
YOU EVER
HEARD
OF SUCH
A THING?

HE'S
SO
LUCKY.

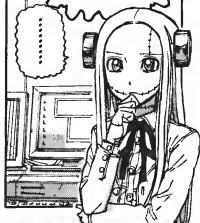




JUST
THINK
IF HE
APPEARED
DURING
WARTIME.

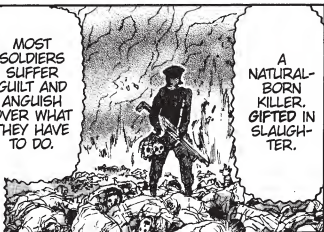


...IS THE
IDEAL
FORM
OF GOD'S
BELOVED
HUMAN
BEINGS?!



BUT A
MONSTER
WHO
THINKS
NOTHING
OF KILLING
PEOPLE...

MOST
SOLDIERS
SUFFER
GUILT AND
ANGUISH
OVER WHAT
THEY HAVE
TO DO.

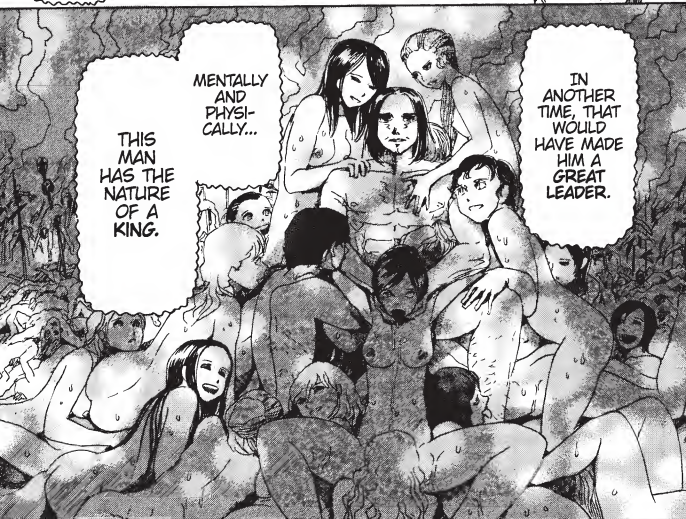


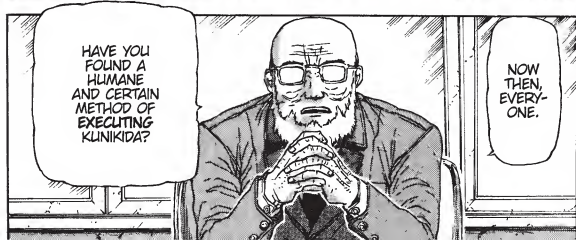
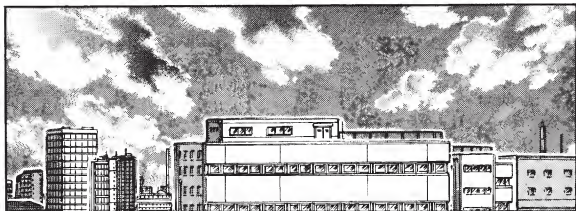
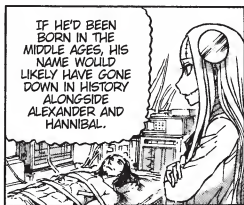
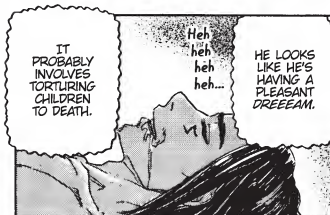
A
NATURAL-
BORN
KILLER.
GIFTED IN
SLAUGHTER.

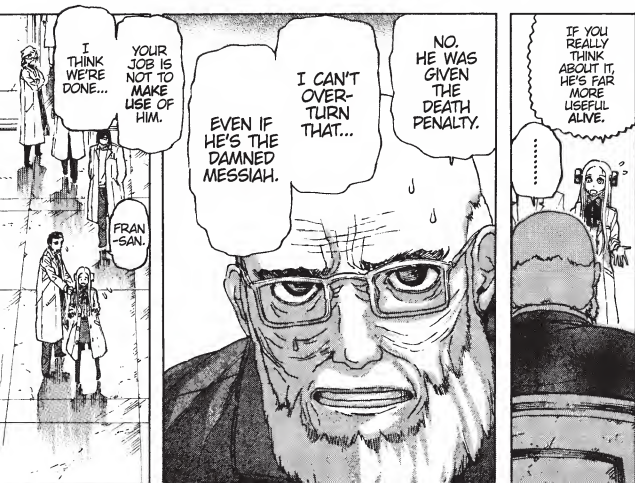
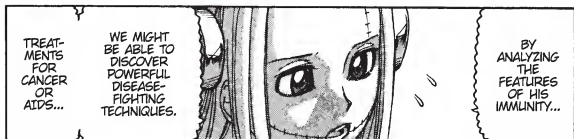
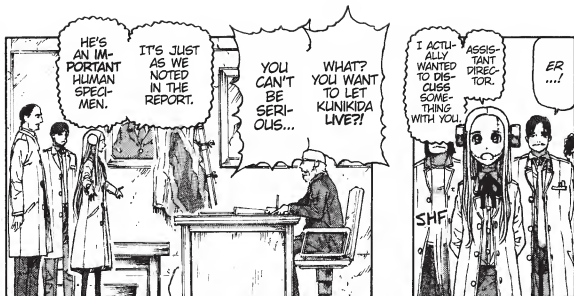
THIS
MAN
HAS THE
NATURE
OF A
KING.

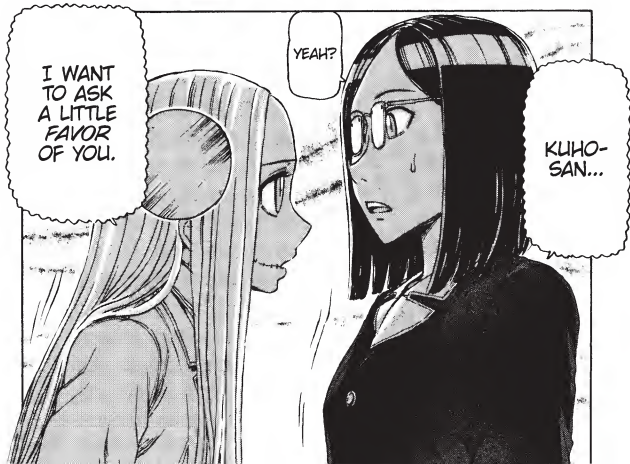
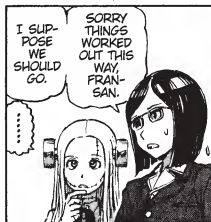
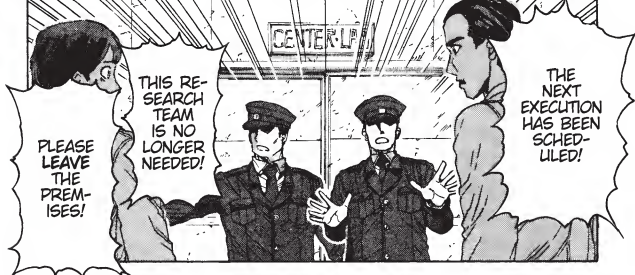
MENTALLY
AND
PHYSI-
CALLY...

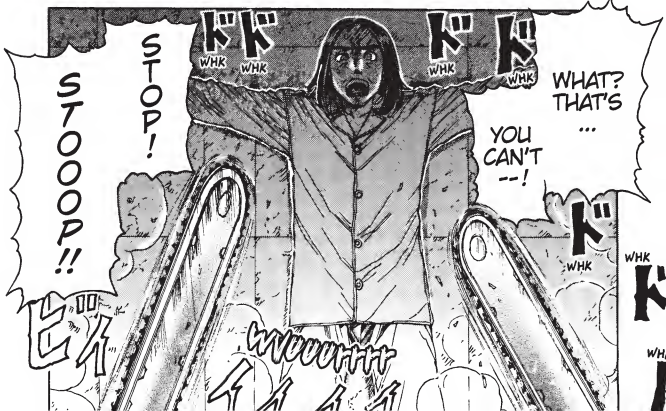
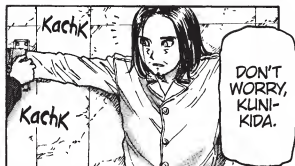
IN
ANOTHER
TIME, THAT
WOULD
HAVE MADE
HIM A
GREAT
LEADER.













YOU TOLD
ME THE
EXECUTION
SPOT, AND
THIS IS HOW
I REPAY
YOU.

SORRY,
KUHO-
SAN.

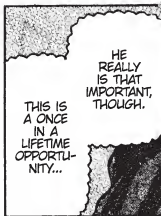


LET'S
SEE.
THE MAP
SAYS IT
SHOULD
BE
AROUND
HERE.

plk



RRIP
RRIP
RRIP



HE
REALLY
IS THAT
IMPORTANT,
THOUGH.

THIS IS
A ONCE
IN A
LIFETIME
OPPORTU-
NITY...



THE
EXECU-
TION
IS COM-
plete.

s k r e e e



AND
NOW...

NO MATTER
WHAT WEIRD
POWERS
HE HAS,
HE **WON'T**
BE ABLE TO
COME BACK
TO LIFE.

I'LL
RECONNECT
EVERY LAST
NERVE,
BLOOD
VESSEL,
AND BONE
IN HIS
BODY!!

MICRO-
SURGERY!



SEEMS
THEY'LL DO
ANYTHING
TO KEEP
YOU FROM
COMING
BACK.

OH!
WILL YOU
LOOK
AT THAT!



DAMMIT!
I WON'T
LET
THEM
WIN!

snap



NERVE
PULSE
TRANSMISSION!
BEGINNING
ORGAN
RESTART!!

RECREATION
OF PELVIS
AND THIGHS
IS SUCCESSFUL!

RECONNECT
TORSO,
THEN BEGIN
SEQUENTIAL
RESUR-
RECTION!

RESTORING
CIRCULATION
THROUGH
HEART AND
LUNGS!
RECOVERY
OF CRANIAL
DAMAGE!

FWP

FWP FWP

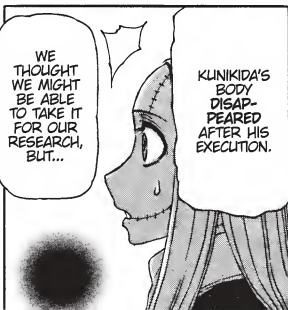
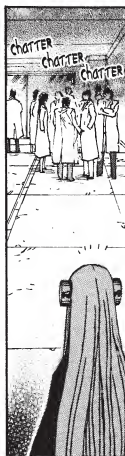
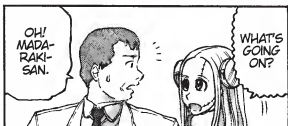
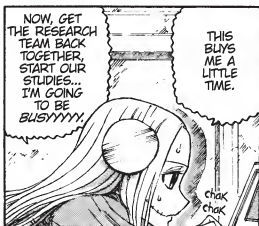
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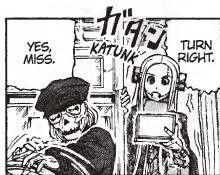
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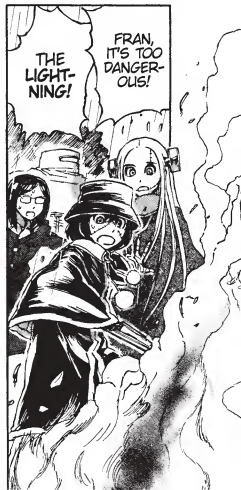
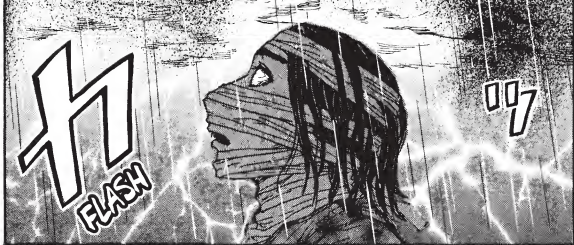
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FWP











AND
NOW...
MY SEN-
TENCE IS
WIPED
CLEAN.

THE
THIRD
EXECU-
TION
FAILED...



I'LL KILL
AGAIN.
I'LL KILL
MEN AND
WOMEN,
THE OLD
AND THE
YOUNG!

I AM
UN-
TOUCH-
ABLE!



ANYONE
WHO
TRIES
TO GET
IN MY
WAY...

THIS
WORLD
IS AN
ENORMOUS
TREASURE
CHEST!

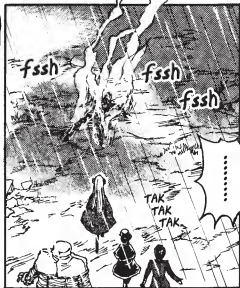


LA-
PLACE'S
DEMON...



I MEAN,
WHAT
ARE THE
ODDS
...?

UNBE-
LIEVABLE...
DYING
FROM A
DIRECT
LIGHTNING
STRIKE.



AND A
DIRECT
HIT BY
LIGHTNING
IS ALMOST
MIRACU-
LOUSLY
IMPROBA-
BLE...

EACH
TIME, THE
IMPROB-
ABILITY SUR-
ROUNDING
HIS DEATH
INCREASED.

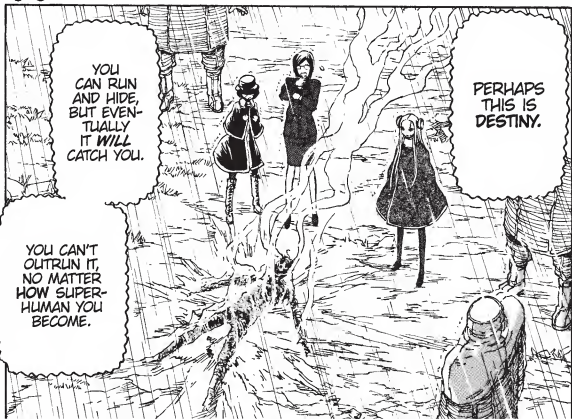
HE
ESCAPED
DEATH
TOO OFTEN.

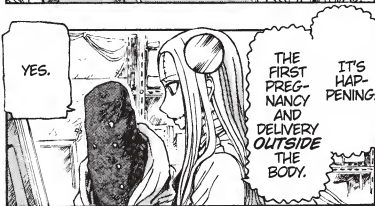
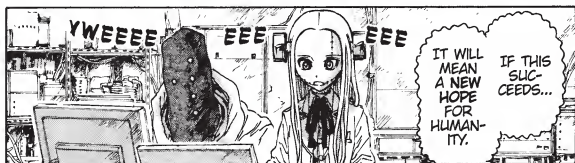
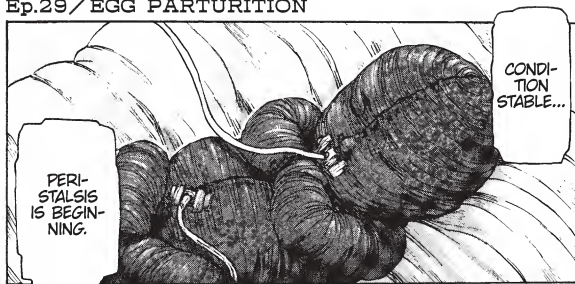


YOU
CAN RUN
AND HIDE,
BUT EVEN-
TUALLY
IT WILL
CATCH YOU.

PERHAPS
THIS IS
DESTINY.

YOU CAN'T
OUTRUN IT,
NO MATTER
HOW SUPER-
HUMAN YOU
BECOME.



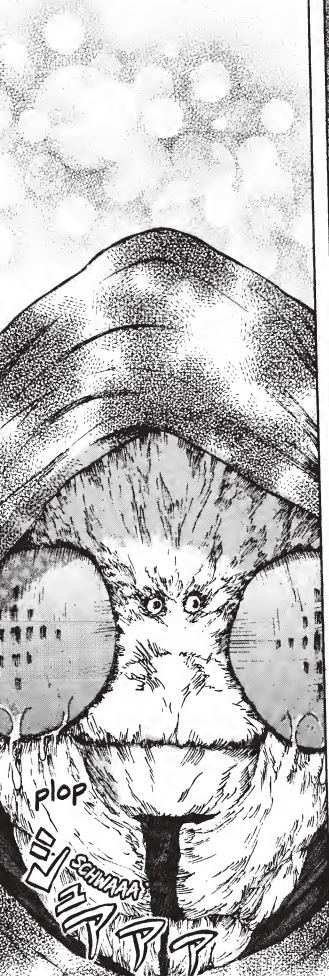


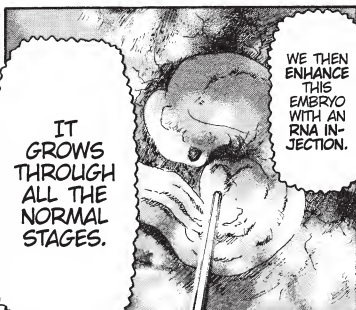
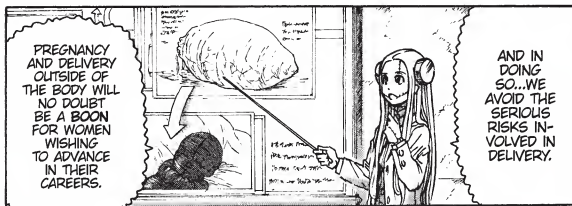
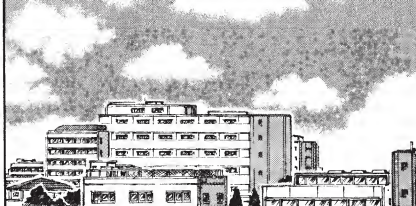
IT'S AN
ADOR-
ABLE
BABY
BOY!!

CON-
GRATULA-
TIONS,
KANEDA-
SAN!

WAAAAAAH!

Waaaah!





I WOULD
RECOMMEND
SOMETHING
ALONG
THE LINES
OF ROYAL
JELLY.

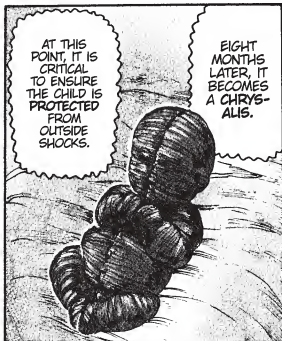
NUTRITION
IS TAKEN IN
THROUGH
A MOUTH-
LIKE
OPENING.

AT ONE
OR TWO
MONTHS,
THE EMBRYO
IS DELIVERED
INTO THE
LARVAL
STATE.

AT THIS
POINT, IT IS
CRITICAL
TO ENSURE
THE CHILD IS
PROTECTED
FROM
OUTSIDE
SHOCKS.

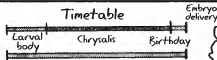
EIGHT
MONTHS
LATER, IT
BECOMES A
CHRYSA-
LIS.

IT CAN
NOW LIVE
OUTSIDE
THE
MOTHER'S
BODY.

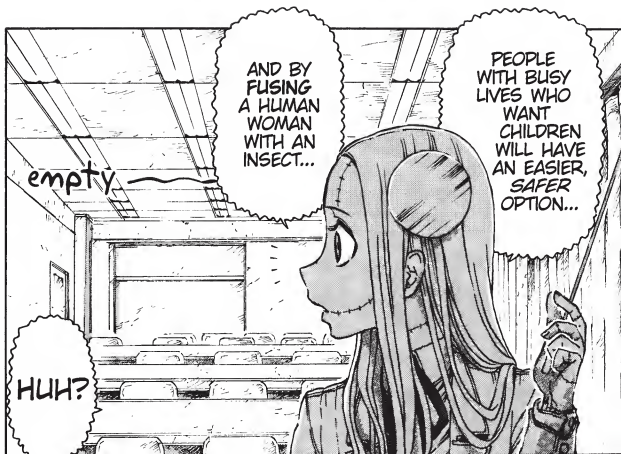


THE
PROCESS
IS SIMILAR
TO HOW
MARSUPIAL
YOUNG COM-
PLETE THEIR
DEVELOP-
MENT IN A
POUCH.

THE CHILD
IS NOW NO
DIFFERENT
FROM ONE
BORN IN
THE NORMAL
MANNER.



ABOUT
TEN DAYS
LATER,
THE BABY
CASTS
ITS SKIN
AND IS
BORN.



AND BY
FUSING
A HUMAN
WOMAN
WITH AN
INSECT...

PEOPLE
WITH BUSY
LIVES WHO
WANT
CHILDREN
WILL HAVE
AN EASIER,
SAFER
OPTION...

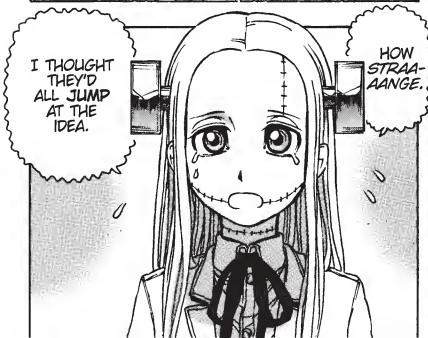
empty

HUH?



I HAVEN'T
EVEN
SHOWN
THE
VIDEO--!

TUK
TUK TUK



I THOUGHT
THEY'D
ALL JUMP
AT THE
IDEA.

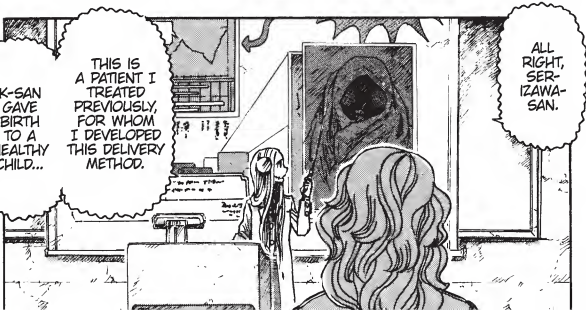
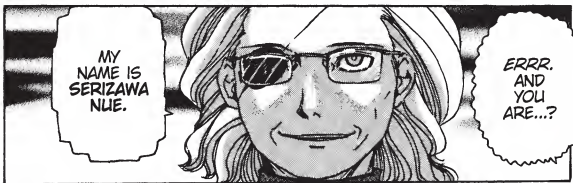
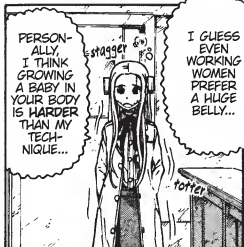
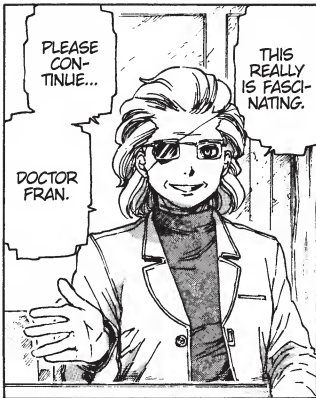
HOW
STRAAA-
AANGE.

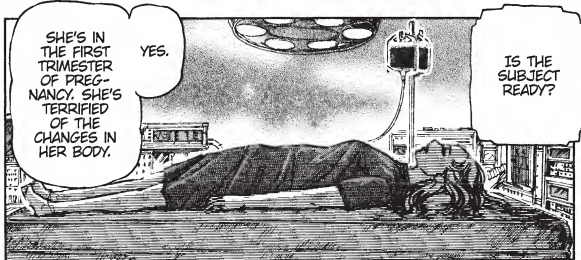
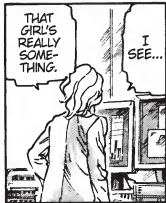
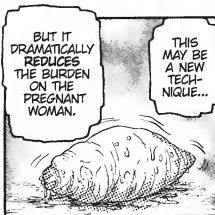


dop
dop

WAIT, I
WASN'T
DONE
WITH...!

Klatter







...IS A
GOLD-
MINE.

A NEW
TECH-
NOLOGY
LIKE
THIS...



BUT
SHE'S
FAR
TOO
NAÏVE.

MADARAKI
FRAN IS
A GOOD
RESEARCH-
ER.



IS
VERY,
VERY...

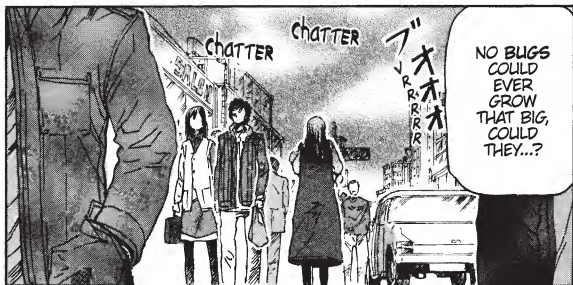
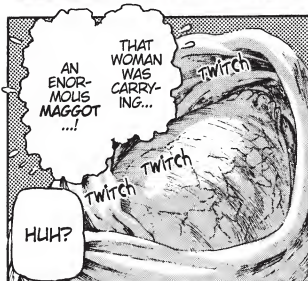
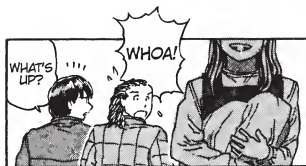
TO
REVEAL
AS
MUCH
AS
SHE
DID...

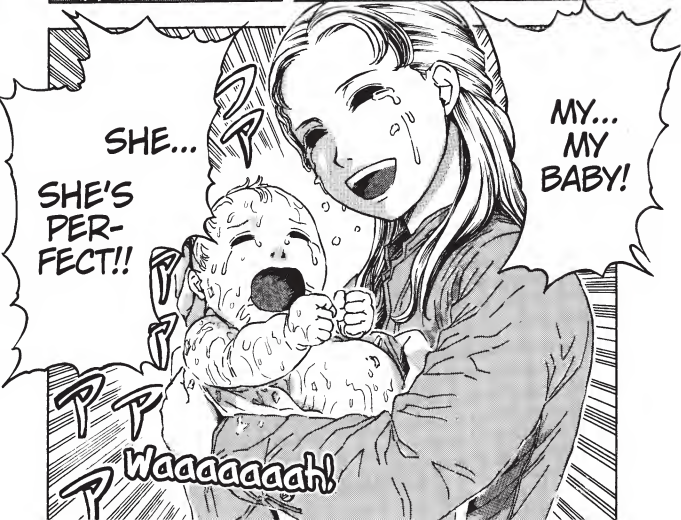


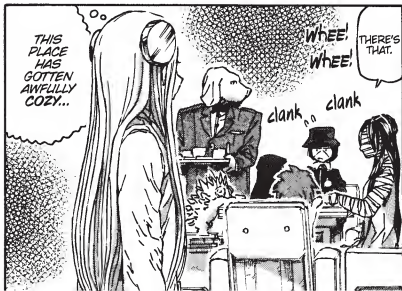
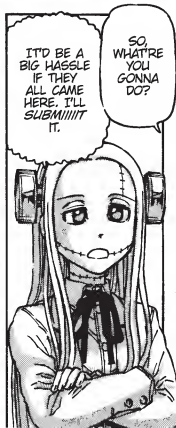
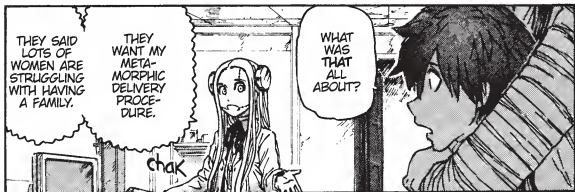
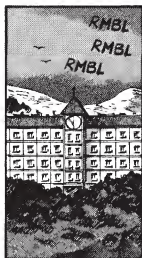
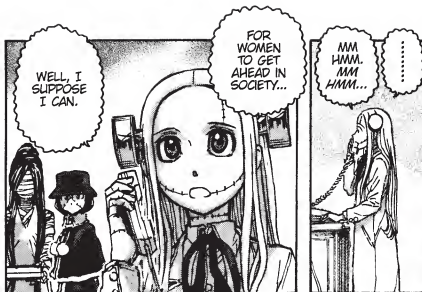
AND NOW
I'M THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
PERFORM
THIS
PROCEDURE.

FORTU-
NATELY,
THAT LOT
FROM THE
ACADEMY
ALL RAN
OFF...

SHALL
WE
BEGIN?









No more
losing your
figure to
pregnancy!
Or losing
momentum
in your
career!

Hold
your
precious
baby
sooner.

A new
way of
giving
Birth.
The Baby
EGG.

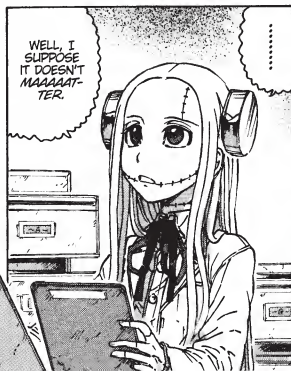


TO THAT
END, I
CONTINUE
TO PUSH
FORWARD
IN MY RE-
SEARCH.

I BELIEVE
THAT
WOMEN
SHOULD
SEIZE
EVERY
OPPOR-
TUNITY
THEY CAN.

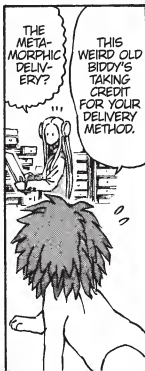
THIS
METHOD
ALSO LETS
MEN ASSIST
SOONER
RATHER
THAN
LATER.

The mother
of the
Baby Egg
procedure,
Professor
Serizawa.



WELL, I
SUPPOSE
IT DOESN'T
MAAAAT-
TER.

.....



THE
META-
MORPHIC
DELIV-
ERY?

THIS
WEIRD OLD
BIDDY'S
TAKING
CREDIT
FOR YOUR
DELIVERY
METHOD.



HUH?

**The easy
delivery
method
has led
to a new
baby
boom.**

**A child
or a
pet?**

**The
newest
way of
having
children is
the Baby
Egg.**



**When the
baby
emerges,
it's like
watching
an angel
appear!**

**This
A-list'er's
going
with
Baby
Egg!!**



**A sure
bet for
the Nobel
Prize in
Medicine!!**

**In a single
leap,
Serizawa's
become
the woman
of the
hour!**



FRAN,
JUST
SAY
THE
WORD
AND
I'LL--

SHE'S
COM-
PLETELY
JACKED
YOUR
WORK!

YOU
HEARING
THIS,
FRAN?

LOOK,
I'M
JUST
A
LITTLE
WOR-
RIED...

CHAK

CUT
HER
TO
PIECES
...

FIRST,
I'LL
TOR-
TURE
HER...

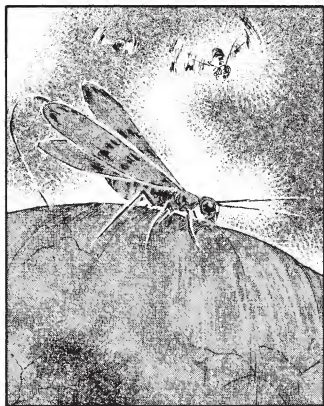
YOU'LL
WHAT?

BUT
SO
MANY
PEOPLE
ARE
USING
IT...

AND
THE
RE-
SULT...

THIS
METHOD'S
STILL IN
THE
EXPERI-
MENTAL
STAGE.

WE
HAVEN'T
SOLVED
FOR THE
PROBLEM
OF THE
REARING
ENVIRON-
MENT.





WHAT ABOUT GABRIEL, FLYING THROUGH THE SKY?

DID WE DECIDE ON A NAME?

I'M SURE THAT'S NOTHING.

THE COLOR'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE PICTURES...

I'M CRYING!

OH MY GOSH.

YEEEE

IT'S GOING TO EMERGE ANY MINUTE NOW!

CRACK CRACK CRACK

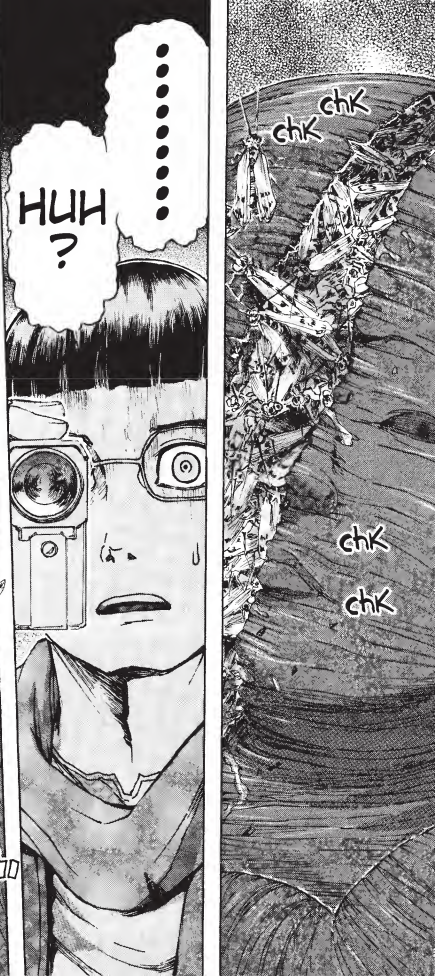
OH! HERE HE COMES!

IT'S YOUR DADDY, GABRIEL!!

GABRIEL.

MM HMM.

GABRIEL... THAT'S A LOVELY NAME...

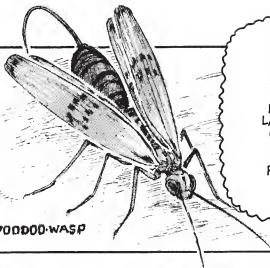


THERE ARE MANY SUBSPECIES, AND THIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THEM.

THE WASP LARVAE BITE THROUGH THE CABBAGEWORM'S SKIN, AND CREATE A PUPA SURROUNDING ITS BODY. (THE CABBAGEWORM IS UNABLE TO PUPATE AND DIES.)

VOOOOO-WASP

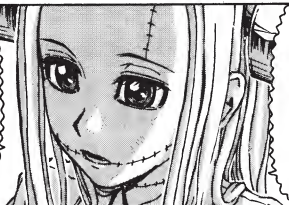
COTESIA GLOMERATA.
NATIVE THROUGHOUT JAPAN AND EUROPE, THEY LAY THEIR EGGS ON CABBAGEWORMS, AND THE LARVAE FEED ON THEM WHEN THEY HATCH.



IN NATURE, THEY HAVE A LOT OF PREDATORS.

NORMALLY, THE SURVIVAL RATE IS VERY LOW.

THE CLOSED ENVIRONMENT OF THE CITY OFFERS A CERTAIN LEVEL OF SAFETY...



COCK-ROACHES!
MY BABY EGG...!

TWITCH
TWITCH

Kssh

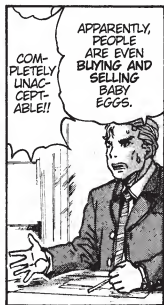
AUGH!

zssh
zssh
zssh

swarm
swarm







LO
KICK
KICK
KICK

beep

shk

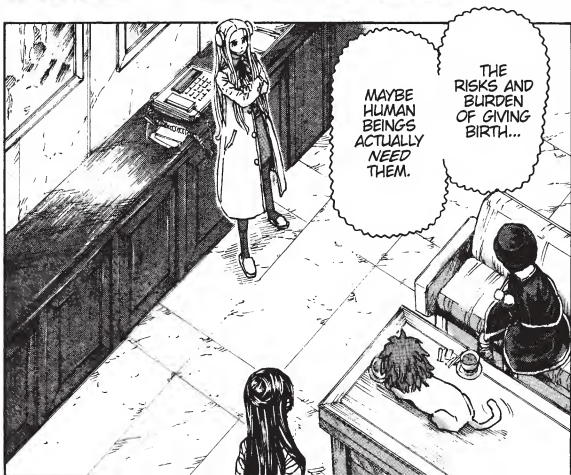
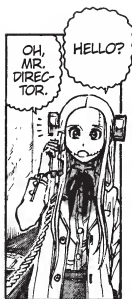
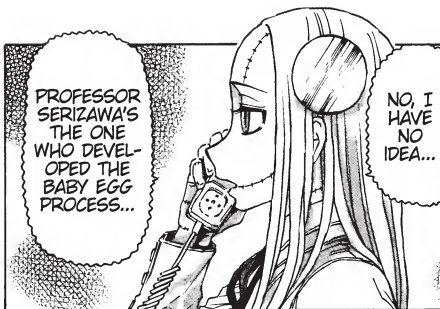


KREE
KREE

MY
LITTLE
BABY...

A
A
A
A
A
A
H
?!!

RRRRID



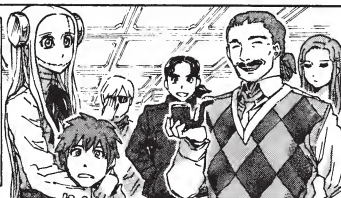
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THE
ASAMIKI-
RA SKI
RESORT.

HOK-
KAIDO.
A
CORPO-
RATE-
OWNED
LEISURE
FACILITY...

AMONG
THEM
WERE
FRAN
AND
OKITA.

A CERTAIN
GROUP OF
GUESTS
WERE
INVITED
TO STAY
AT THE
RESORT.



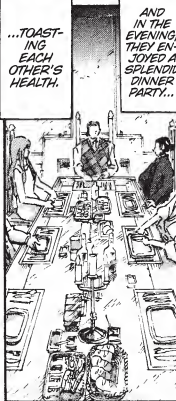
AND
THEN,
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT,
IT HAD-
PENED.

...TOAST-
ING
EACH
OTHER'S
HEALTH.

AND
IN THE
EVENING,
THEY EN-
JOYED A
SPLENDID
DINNER
PARTY...

fws ssh

DURING
THE DAY,
THEY
HAD FUN
ON THE
SLOPES...



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PEOPLE OF UNUSUAL TASTES

PIECE OF
CAKE! IT'S
A SIMPLE
PUNCTURE
WOUND, SO
I'LL JUST
REPAIR THE
BLOOD
VESSELS AND
RESTART
THE HEART!!

MEAN-
WHILE,
I'M TAKING
MEASURES
TO REVIVE
HIIIIIIIM!

THERE'S
AN EMER-
GENCY
BLOOD
STORE
IN THE
BASEMENT!
PLEASE,
LET ME
SAVE HIM!

SOMEONE
SCREAM-
ING
ON THE
FIRST
FLOOR
....

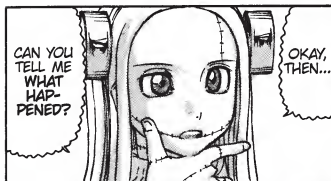
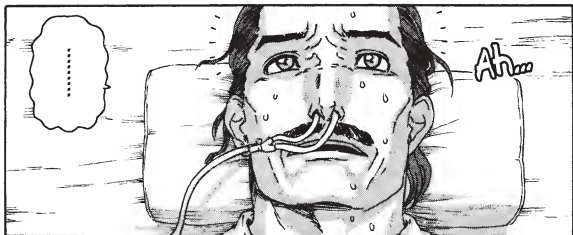
WHAT
WAS
THAT
?!

WHAT?
WHAT?
KA-CHAK

WE
HAVE TO
PRESERVE
THE SCENE
UNTIL THE
POLICE
ARRIVE....

DON'T
TOUCH
THE
BODY!

HE'S
DEAD...



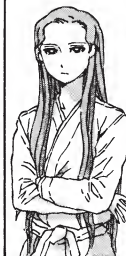
EE
Egashira
Eisaku



DD
Debonair
Deguchi



CC
Clarissa
Clark



BB
Banba Banji



AA
Amakasu
Atsushi

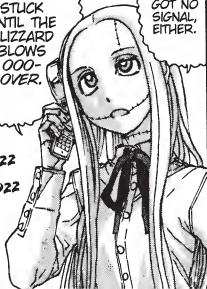
BUT IT WAS
LOCKED.
ONCE BB-SAN
AND CC-SAN
GOT THERE,
WE BROKE DOWN
THE DOOR AND
FOUND AA ON
THE GROUND.



I HEARD
THE
SCREAM,
AND WAS
THE FIRST
ONE
TO THE
DOOR...

WE
MAY BE
STUCK
UNTIL THE
BLIZZARD
BLOWS
OOO-
OVER.

b22
b22



MY CELL
PHONE'S
GOT NO
SIGNAL,
EITHER.

I THINK
THE
LINE'S
BEEN
CUT...!

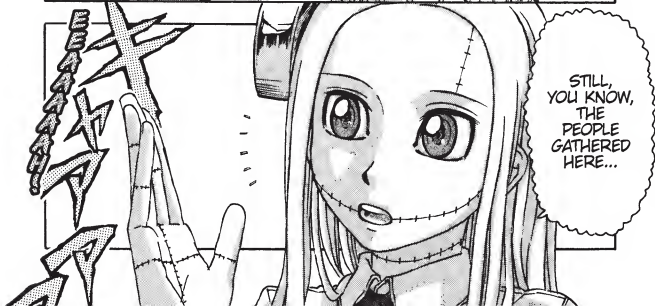
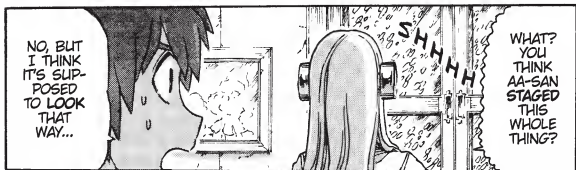
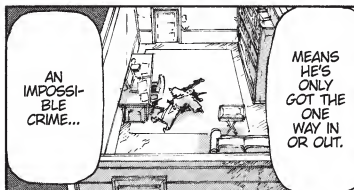
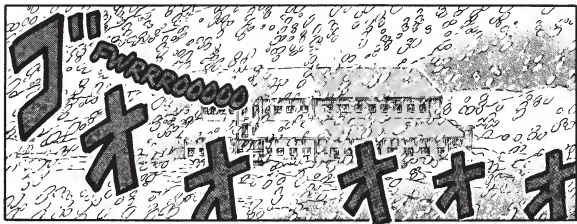
THE
PHONE'S
DEAD!

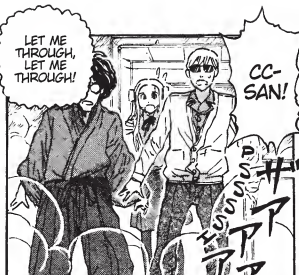


WHILE
WE'RE
STUCK
HERE
IN THIS
BLIZ-
ZARD?

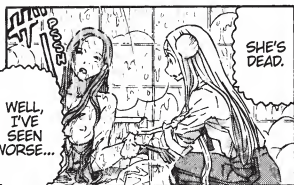
PERHAPS
WE'VE
GOT AN
ASAAA-
AASSIN
IN OUR
MIDST.







CC-SAN!



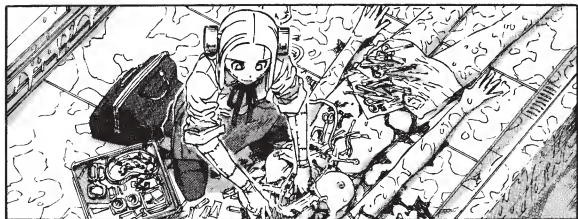
SHE'S DEAD.

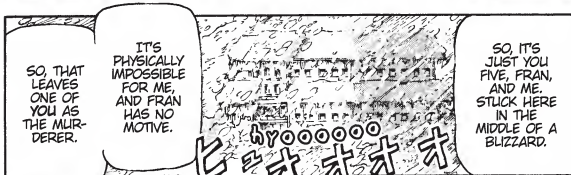
WELL,
I'VE
SEEN
WORSE...

BRING
ME THE
TOOLS
I USED
BEFORE!!

I'M
BEGIN-
NING
THE
OPERA-
TION!

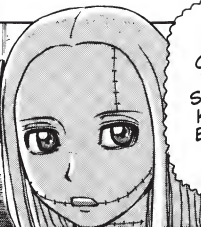
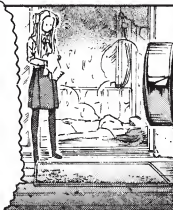






BUT
THE
SHOWER
WAS
STILL
ON...

AND
THERE
WERE
NO WET
SPOTS
OUTSIDE
THE
BATH-
ROOM...



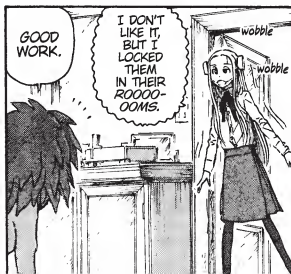
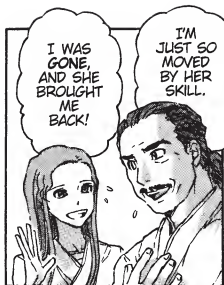
CC-SAN
DIDN'T
SEE HER
KILLER,
EITHER.

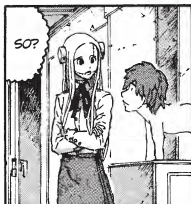
LOCKED-
ROOM
PUZZLE,
THEN...

ANOTH-
ER...

BECAUSE
WE CAME
RUNNING
WHEN WE
HEARD THE
SCREAM.







...WELL,
THEIR
SYMPTOMS
COULD
HAVE BEEN
HANDLED BY
ANYONE,
REAL-
LYYYY!

THE
DETAILS
VARIED,
BUT...

AND THEN,
THEY EACH
INTRO-
DUCED THE
NEXT ONE
TO ME.

I'M
PRETTY
SURE
AA-SAN
WAS THE
FIRST.

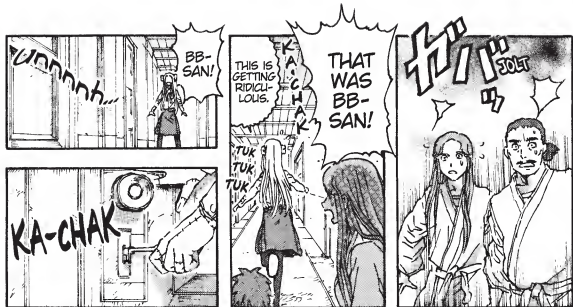
IT WAS
EASY
MONEY,
IN FACT.

STILL,
THEY
ALL PAID
WELL.

I DID
A LOOO-
OOOT
OF SUR-
GERIES
FOR THEM
ALL.

AND IN
THE
END--

?!?





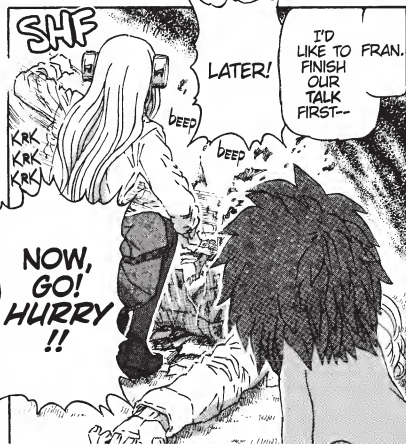
THEY WERE GOING AT HIS HEART THROUGH HIS RIBS.

HOW ANNOYING...



I HAVE TO TREAT HIM...!

WELL, NEVER MIND...



LATER!

I'D LIKE TO FINISH OUR TALK FIRST--

FRAN.

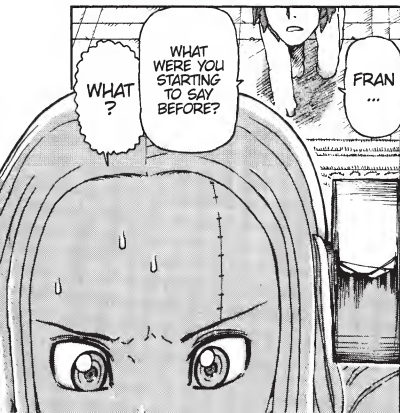
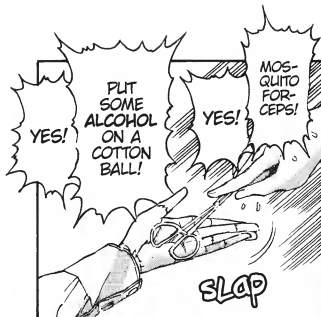
NOW, GO! HURRY!!



GET AA-SAN AND THE OTHERS TO ASSIST!

OKITA! BLOOD AND TOOLS!

...

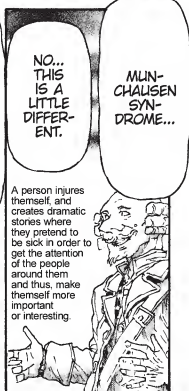




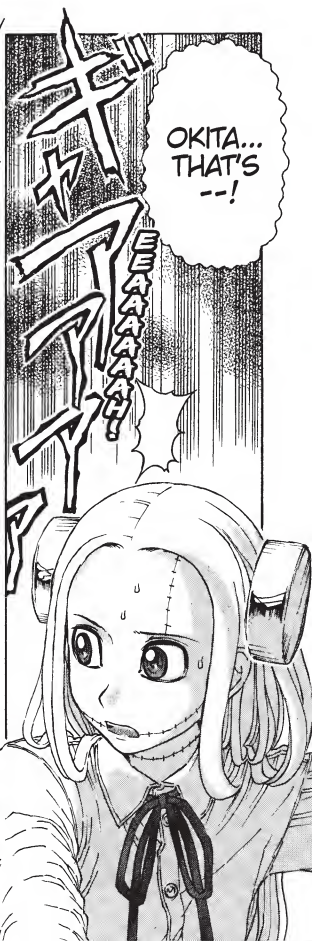
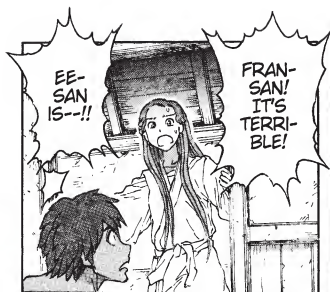
MAYBE THESE GUYS ARE REALLY...



IT'S A CATAS-TROPHE FETISH.



A person injures themselves, and creates dramatic stories where they pretend to be sick in order to get the attention of the people around them and thus, make themselves more important or interesting.



THEY PUT
THEIR HEADS
TOGETHER
AND CAME
UP WITH
A WAY
AROUND IT.

SO...



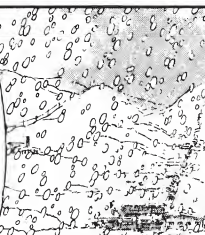
YOU
RE-
FUSED,
DIDN'T
YOU?

EVEN
THOUGH
THERE
WAS
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH
THEM...

WHEN
THEY CAME
TO YOU
ASKING
FOR TREAT-
MENT...



...SO
YOU
COULDN'T
GET
AWAY...



THEY
BROUGHT
YOU UP
TO THIS
SNOWY
MOUN-
TAIN...

THIS IS
EXACTLY
WHAT
THEY
WERE
HOPING
FOR.



...AND
THEN, THE
BLIZZARD
CUT US OFF
FROM THE
WORLD.

SUR-
GERY!
I NEED
SUR-
GERY!!

PLEASE
HELP
ME!

Look!
Look!

THE
MURDERER
STABBED ME!
BLOOD...
SO MUCH
BLOOD...!

FRAN-
SAN!



THAT'S
JUST
...!

YOU
HAVE
TO
STOP!

YOU'RE
DOING
IT TO
YOUR-
SELVES!

YOU'VE
GOTTA
HELP
ME!!

THERE'S
A SERIAL
KILLER
HERE!

WHAT
PROOF
DO YOU
HAVE?!

FINE.

glint Yay!

BEGIN
THE
OPER-
ATION.

clap
clap
clap

woot!

YOU CALL
YOUR-
SELF A
DOCTOR
?!

ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
GOING TO
WALK AWAY
FROM
A DYING
PATIENT?!

Ho
ho
ho
ho!

Ooh! Heh heh heh heh heh

HEE

hee

hee

hee

dribble

hee

hee

dribble

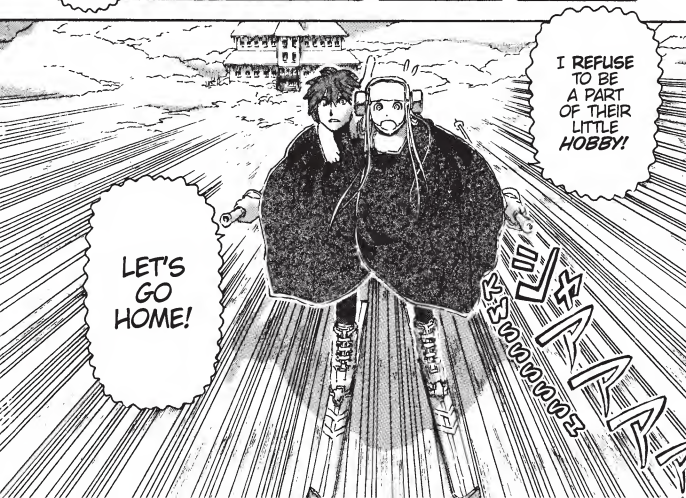
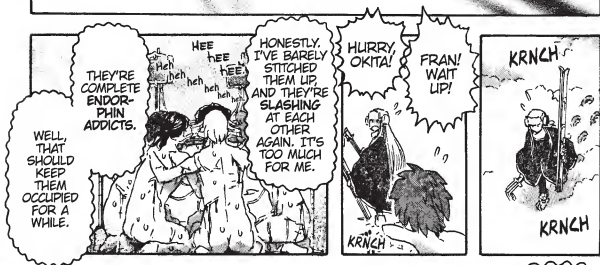
THROB THROB

DEEEED

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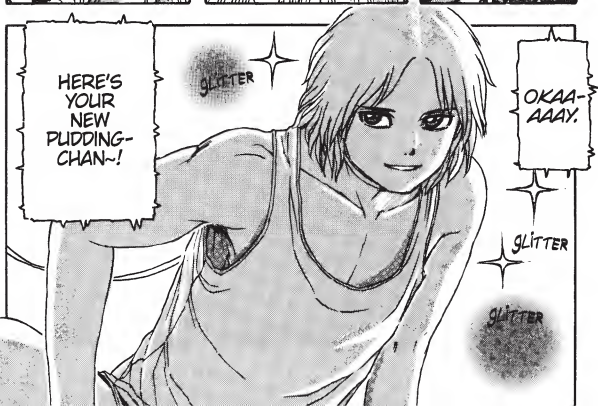
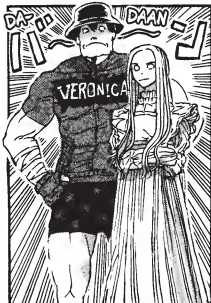
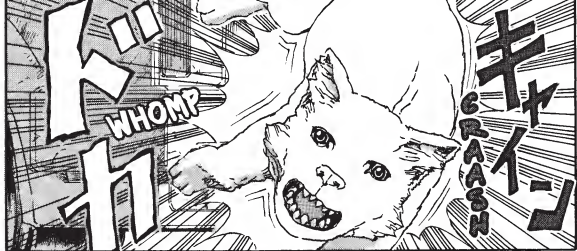
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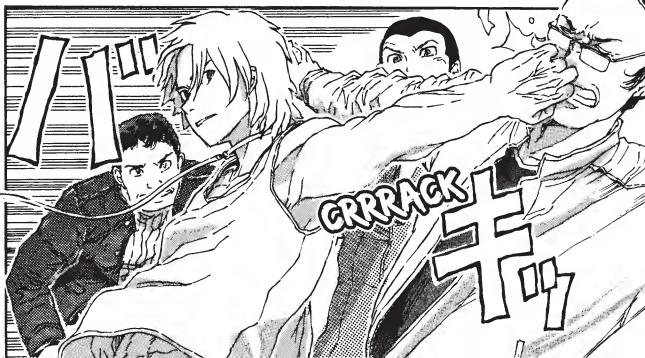
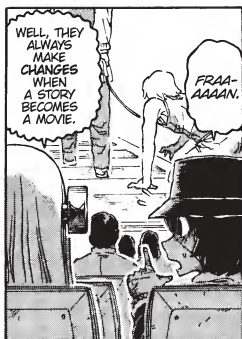


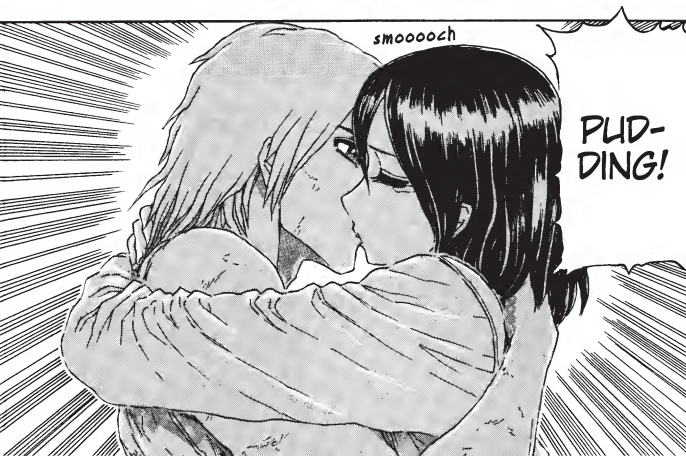


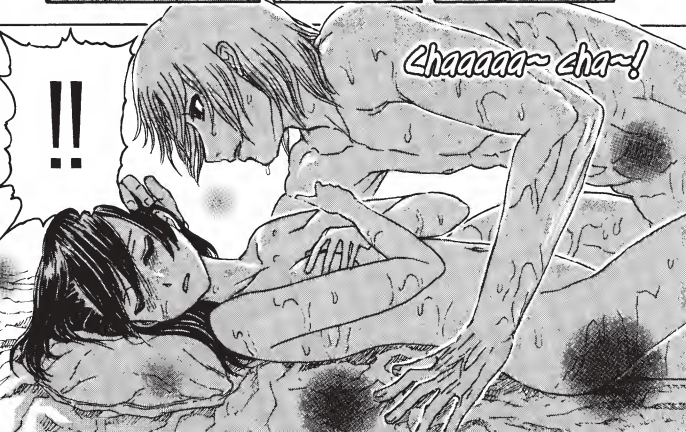
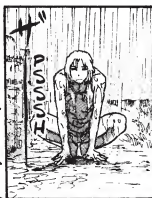
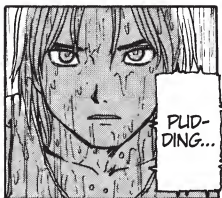
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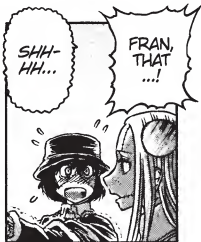












SHH-
HH...

FRAN,
THAT
....!

THE
DOCTOR
SAID IT
WAS THE
POWER
OF
LOVE!!

MY
LEU-
KEMIA
WAS
CURED!

PUDDING!
I'M
HOO-
OOME!

Chaaaaa~ cha'cha~!

ISN'T
IT NICE
THEY
GOT A
HAPPY
ENDING?

NOW,
NOW.

AND THE
BESTIALITY
WAS A NICE
TOUCH. AN
INSTANT
CLASSIC,
WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?

YOU
HAVE
GOT
TO BE
KIDDING
ME!!

Sentinel

Watching a certain hero's kick go right through walls and armored tanks, I figure he has the power of a 30-mm autocannon or something... So then, when he kicks people, they'd explode, right? I'd like to do a straightforward hero story someday.

Nosferatu

If I tried to do a vampire story, it would just turn out like a normal story... Or so I thought, but that totally did not happen. I was going for a kind of Arcimboldo style, but the bugs are too small, so here we are.

School III

In the last school chapter, Fran was much better at communicating than I expected. I thought that Veronica would be quiet and not really good with people.

F.S.M.

This story gave me all kinds of trouble, especially with all the expository scenes. And it seems that this new kind of father never stops working hard.

Pudding

This story really resonated with women. Maybe not so much with men. There's something about it that just tugs on the heartstrings. Someone happened to say it was a good story, so I wrote it, and my editor gave me an immediate okay.

Death Row

This is sort of a brother story to "Nosferatu." I'm glad I could bring Kuho-san into it. A lot of times I think about bringing her in, but she usually manages to escape.

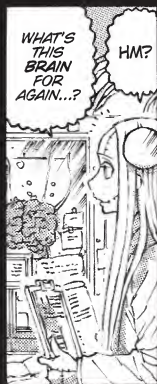
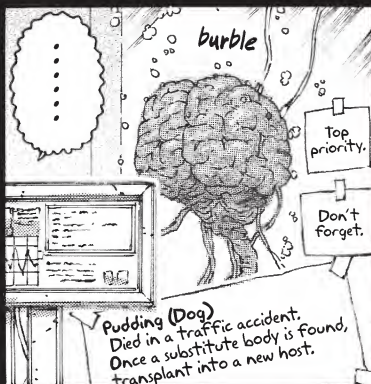
Delivery

In the CD drama special, people connected with this often show up. It's a simulation story, but actually, several years pass in the world of the story, and Veronica's not there in the beginning.

Murder

This is an uncomfortable story in a variety of ways, but I thought Okita made a pretty good detective... I don't know if I'd be able to do anything like it again.

And that's the end of the fourth book. I'll see you again in the next volume.



フランケン・ふらん



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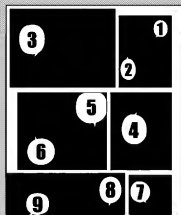
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